

## Applicant Details

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## Applicant Education

BA/BS From	<b>University of Lagos, Nigeria</b>
Date of BA/BS	<b>August 2013</b>
JD/LLB From	<b>University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law</b>
	<a href="http://www.law.arizona.edu/">http://www.law.arizona.edu/</a>
Date of JD/LLB	<b>May 21, 2021</b>
Class Rank	<b>I am not ranked</b>
Does the law school have a Law Review/Journal?	<b>Yes</b>
Law Review/Journal	<b>No</b>
Moot Court Experience	<b>No</b>

### **Bar Admission**

Admission(s)	<b>Other</b>
Other Bar Admission(s)	<b>Nigeria</b>

### **Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/ Externships	<b>Yes</b>
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	<b>Yes</b>

### **Specialized Work Experience**

### **Recommenders**

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**This applicant has certified that all data entered in this profile and any application documents are true and correct.**

**THEOPHILUS OLABODE ABOLARIN**

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July 17, 2023

Hon. Scott W. Everett  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
Earle Cabell Federal Building,  
1100 Commerce St #1254, Dallas, TX 75242  
United States.

Your Honor,

Please consider my application for the post of a judicial clerk.

My legal experience began in Nigeria, where I had the privilege of attending one of the foremost Universities in Nigeria, the University of Lagos. I spent 5 years studying law at the University of Lagos. Subsequently, I attended a year of procedural law school in Nigeria. I was licensed to practice law and engaged in the practice for about 5 years before relocating to the United States.

My years of practice in Nigeria gave me a wide depth of experience in diverse areas of law such as business transaction, litigation, criminal trials and consultation with foreign law firms both in the United States and United Kingdom with respect to filing receivership action in Nigeria. During that time, among other things, I contributed to the World Bank's group report.

Prior to law school, I was eager to express myself creatively. To that end, I co-created a project called "oga de law" which was sponsored by the U.S. embassy in Nigeria. It was a radio drama series and a television skit aimed at educating the public about their rights and obligations under the Nigerian Constitution.

After moving to the United States in 2019, I entered law school at the James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona and graduated in 2022. I was fortunate enough to obtain a student internship, and later legal clerkship with the prestigious McCarthy Family Law, during which time I gained a lot of experience with research, writing and observing court trials.

**THEOPHILUS OLABODE ABOLARIN**

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Most law firms in Nigeria engage in general practice. By frequency of the cases that came to our law firm, however, I have practiced most significantly in insolvency law, a reason why I am particularly interested in bankruptcy law, hence bankruptcy clerkship.

I currently clerk for Hon. Casey F. McGinley at the Arizona Superior Court. During my clerkship, I draft both simple and complex under-advisement rulings, orders, process default judgment, carry out thorough legal research, discuss legal matters with the judge, officiate as a bailiff in the courtroom. My courtroom experience has also given me the privilege of direct jury trial experience.

I intend to practice in Texas. As a result, my family and I are planning to move to Texas.

I am excited to gain federal clerkship experience in bankruptcy. I am willing and ready to learn new things. I think my years of experience as a lawyer in a foreign jurisdiction, and judicial clerkship/bailiff experience, with my interpersonal relationship skill, creativity and enthusiasm will contribute a lot to this position. Thank you for considering me.

Yours sincerely,



Theophilus Abolarin

## THEOPHILUS OLABODE ABOLARIN

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### INTRODUCTION

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I was licensed as a lawyer in Nigeria in 2014 and practiced there for about 5 years in business transactions, litigation, criminal trials, and receiverships. In 2022, I graduated from the Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona. Since May of 2021 I have been an intern and Law Clerk with McCarthy Family Law. I am eager to build on this experience by becoming a Judicial Law Clerk.

### EDUCATION

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**University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law**, Tucson, AZ

*Juris Doctor*, May 2021, GPA: (3.062).

**Nigerian Law School**, Abuja, Nigeria

*Law School Certificate*, August 2014

Intellectual Property Law Association of Nigeria; Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners.

#### **Carrington Youth Fellowship Initiative**

*Fellow* (2012-2013)

Co-created "oga de law" (a Nigerian expression for one who is knowledgeable in law). The project was a radio drama and a television skit to educate the public on their fundamental rights, and resources available to them in instances of police or government abuse of their constitutionally protected rights.

*Other responsibilities*

Carrington Youth Fellowship Initiative (Alumni President, 2013-15), (Fellows' Mentor, 2014-19)

Electoral Committee of the Carrington Fellowship Alumni Network (Chairman);

**University of Lagos**, Lagos, Nigeria Nigerian Bar Association (SCN092852), Abuja, Nigeria.

*Bachelor of Laws*, August 2013

Activities: Student Representative at the Senate Arm of the Law Student Society, 2010-11 academic session; Member of the Moot Court Society.

### EXPERIENCE

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#### **Arizona Superior Court**

Judicial Law Clerk for Hon. Casey F. McGinley (July 2022-present)

Conducted research, drafted both simple and complex ruling, prepared default judgment, and serve as court bailiff.

#### **McCarthy Family Law**

Law Clerk (August 2021-present); Student Intern (May 2021 to August 2021).

Drafted motions and agreements, assisted with drafting of complex motions, conducted legal research and drafted memorandums, assisted attorneys in in preparation for trial and other court hearings; contributed during strategy meetings with attorneys.

#### **Summer Internship**

Research Assistant, Prof. Stacy Butler, Prof. Derek Bambauer (June-August 2020).

Research projects: "Medical Debt Collection in the United States" and "Cyber Security for Idiots".

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**Akinwunmi & Busari**, Lagos, Nigeria

Associate (October 2015 – May 2019)

Oversaw the receivership and liquidation proceedings. Aided clients in contract fulfillment in business transactions. Attended clients' board of directors' meetings. Conducted criminal trials. Advised foreign law firms on receivership and liquidation under Nigerian law and made court filings.

June 20, 2023

Dear Judges:

My name is Gary Cohen. I am an Arizona state trial court judge. I was appointed by the Governor to this position in early 2021. As such, I am starting my third year in this position after practicing law as a civil litigator at one law firm here in Tucson for about twenty-eight and a half years.

I understand that "Theo" (as I call him) has applied for a clerkship with you. I have gotten to know Theo over the court of the last 9-ish months while he clerks for my "chambers-neighbor" Judge Casey McGinley. Although not required, Theo uses his down time to watch matters in my courtroom in order to gain more knowledge. He regularly stops by to discuss legal matters that he is working on, and that he is somehow aware that I am working on. I always enjoy these interactions. Theo has an inquisitive young mind and he is trying to learn as much as possible. His positive attitude and bright smile are refreshing. Because he does not work for me, I cannot comment on his writing skills. Nonetheless, I believe Theo would be a valuable, trusted, enjoyable, and well-liked law clerk. I recommend him to you wholeheartedly.

If you have any questions for me, or if you would like me to provide additional information, feel free to contact me via my personal cell phone: (520)-990-0381

Sincerely

Gary J. Cohen

Judge, Division 7

Arizona Superior Court in Pima County

Garry Cohen - gcohen@sc.pima.gov - 5207249417

**Arizona Superior Court**  
Pima County  
110 West Congress Street  
Tucson, Arizona 85701

HON. CASEY F. MCGINLEY  
DIVISION 18

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June 22, 2023

RE: Theophilus Abolarin

To Whom it May Concern:

I understand that Theophilus Abolarin is applying for clerkship positions within the United States District and Circuit Courts. Theophilus has worked as a Law Clerk/Bailiff in my Division since July of 2022. He has proven himself to be a valuable member of our team, and I write to recommend him for Clerkship within your Court.

One of Theophilus's most important duties is to complete legal research and draft opinions. His work in this regard is always thorough and reasoned. He consistently provides thoughtful, well-written material that considers all factual and legal issues that are raised and strives to improve his skills each time he encounters a new project. Theophilus consistently offers his frank assessment of what he believes the law requires, regardless of his personal opinion on the subject. This objective reasoning is a valuable quality in a Clerk.

In my courtroom, Theophilus works with people of all backgrounds. Whether they are jurors, attorneys, observers, victims of crime, or parties, he treats them all with dignity and respect. Theophilus always maintains a calm, professional demeanor and represents this Division well. On more than one occasion, I have had jurors contact me to tell me that they appreciated Theophilus and his professionalism, and that I was lucky to have him on my staff. I couldn't agree more.

Being a successful Law Clerk/Bailiff requires good work ethic, diligence, attention to detail, and self-motivation to complete tasks. Theophilus has these qualities and more. While I am not looking forward to Theophilus leaving his employment here, his current role is temporary by design. He would be an excellent Law Clerk in the Federal Court system, and I recommend him without hesitation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have.

Respectfully,



Casey F. McGinley  
Judge of the Pima County Superior Court



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## Applicant Education

BA/BS From **Other**  
 JD/LLB From **Other**  
<http://www.lawschool.edu>  
 Date of JD/LLB **July 22, 2010**  
 LLM From **Fordham University School of Law**  
 Date of LLM **February 1, 2022**  
 Class Rank **School does not rank**  
 Does the law school have a Law Review/Journal? **No**  
 Law Review/Journal **No**  
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**  
 Moot Court Name(s) **ELSA (European Law Students' Association) - 9th Moot Court Competition**

**Bar Admission**

Admission(s)	<b>Other</b>
Other Bar Admission(s)	<b>United States (eligible): Passed NYLE and MPRE; intend to sit for the July 2023 Uniformed Bar Examination (UBE) in New York.</b>
	<b>Turkey (duly admitted): The Union of Turkish Bar Association, January 2012</b>

**Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/Externships	<b>Yes</b>
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	<b>No</b>

**Specialized Work Experience**

Specialized Work Experience	<b>Bankruptcy</b>
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**Recommenders**

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**This applicant has certified that all data entered in this profile and any application documents are true and correct.**

**YASEMIN ASLANGOREN**

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May 31, 2023

Hon. Scott W. Everett  
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, Texas 75242

Dear Judge Everett,

I am a foreign-trained attorney with work experience in U.S. financial markets and have completed my LL.M. degree in Banking, Corporate, and Finance Law at Fordham School of Law. I am submitting this application for the clerkship with your chambers. I believe my current experience as a judicial intern to Judge Elizabeth S. Stong at the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of New York, and my passion for this profession make me a strong candidate for this position.

Through Prof. Susan Block-Lieb's Bankruptcy Law course at Fordham Law, I learned about various chapter filings used for debtors' relief and creditors' rights and became familiar with the United States Bankruptcy Code. Being a former banker and mortgage refinance loan processor, after taking this class, I developed a strong interest in fair distribution of the estate among creditors, as well as helping corporations and individuals seeking debt relief or restructuring. To further improve my Chapter 11 knowledge, I audited a class -Corporate Reorganization in Bankruptcy- taught by Prof. Richard Squire at Fordham Law, while interning full-time at the Bankruptcy Court. In my internship so far, I gained invaluable practical skills through drafting of bench memorandums on motions for stay relief, in rem relief, use of cash collateral, removal to the state court, motions to dismiss, including dismissal for bad faith filing (C-TC factors analysis), object to proofs of claims, convert case chapter 11 to 7, compel rejection or assumption of executory contracts and unexpired leases, and quash subpoena for discovery and examination under Rule 2004, as well as bench memorandums on adversary proceedings, fee applications, case management conferences, loss mitigation status conferences, and plan confirmation hearings.

Last year, during my judicial internship in Justice Margaret A. Chan's chambers in the New York State Supreme Court, Commercial Division, I have gained excellent legal research and writing skills. I assisted in drafting a decision concerning the American Rule, and a substantial amount of my work was incorporated in the final decision. As this opinion plays an important role in shaping the common law in attorneys' fees dispute actions, it was featured and highlighted in the Decisions of Interest column of New York Law Journal.

Having both legal and finance academic background and work experience, I believe I would be a great asset to your chambers. Enclosed please find my resume, school transcripts, writing sample, and recommendation letters. I would be happy to provide any information you may need. Thank you for your time and kind consideration.

Very respectfully,



Yasemin Aslangoren

**YASEMIN ASLANGOREN**

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**EDUCATION****Fordham University School of Law**

LL.M. in Banking, Corporate, and Finance Law

Audited Class: Corporate Reorganization in Bankruptcy

**Baruch College, CUNY**

Postgraduate Certificate in Finance &amp; Investments (three-semester intensive)

**Erciyes University Faculty of Law**

LL.B. in Law (four-year degree)

New York, NY (Feb 2022)

(Spring 2023)

New York, NY (Dec 2015)

Kayseri, Turkey (Jul 2010)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE****U.S. Bankruptcy Court, E.D.N.Y***Judicial Intern to the Hon. Elizabeth S. Stong*

Brooklyn, NY

(Full time / Mar 2023 – Jun 2023)

- Drafted bench memorandums on motions, applications, and OSCs in Chapter 7, 11, 13 bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings, as well as memorandums for case management, loss mitigation status, and plan confirmation hearings

**New York State Supreme Court, Commercial Division***Judicial Intern to the Hon. Margaret A. Chan*

New York, NY

(Part time / Apr 2022 – Dec 2022)

- Worked with law clerks on R&R, memo, and opinion drafting; attended oral arguments, preliminary conferences, trials

**Moss & Moss LLP***Law Clerk*

New York, NY

(Jul 2022 – Nov 2022)

- Drafted commercial contracts, briefs/appeals on OATH administrative cases; filed for arbitration on Airbnb disputes

**Bank of America, N.A.***Home Services Specialist - Loan Processor*

New York, NY

(Mar 2021 – Feb 2022)

- Assisted underwriters in refinancing of mortgage loans by evaluating documents and conditions in clients' applications
- Ensured the validity of deeds, title work commitments, property tax certs, hazard-flood insurances, and appraisal reports

*Relationship Manager*

(Mar 2019 – Feb 2021)

- Identified client needs; performed banking transactions on consumer and business deposit accounts, credit cards/loans
- Responsible for overseeing advanced accounts such as trust, estate, landlord-tenant, court-restricted guardianship

**Biolsi Law Group, P.C.***Legal Intern*

New York, NY

(Apr 2016 – May 2016)

- Assisted in landlord-tenant proceedings by handling 30-day notices, holder-over petitions, and eviction processes

**Oğuz Yiğitsözlü Law Firm, Patent & Trademark Office***Associate Attorney*

Adana, Turkey

(Jan 2012 – Jan 2013)

- Worked as the attorney of record in litigation and trial preparation on matters involving commercial, contract, labor and employment disputes, and torts. Delivered persuasive briefs, complaints, and motions; handled discovery process
- Initiated and managed creditors' enforcement and liquidation actions in bankruptcy proceedings, such as injunction, attachment, garnishment, seizure, foreclosure, and other methods of collecting secured and unsecured debts

**Topaloğlu Law Firm***Law Clerk*

Adana, Turkey

(Mar 2011 – Nov 2011)

**Adana Courthouse***Judicial Intern to various specialized courts*

Adana, Turkey

(Sep 2010 – Mar 2011)

**BAR ADMISSION**

United States: Passed NYLE and MPRE; intend to sit for the July 2023 Uniformed Bar Examination (UBE) in New York

Turkey: Duly admitted to the Union of Turkish Bar Association (Jan 2012)

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Language/Status: Turkish / U.S. Citizen

Licenses: Notary Public License for the State of New York (active), CMAS One-Star Scuba Diver Certification

Certifications: LexisNexis Practice-Ready and Proficiency Certifications (2022); Westlaw Legal Research Trainings

Honors: Graduate Student Scholarship (Fordham University, 2020)

ELSA 9th Moot Court Competition (1st prize in brief writing and 4th place in oral argument, 2009)

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June 05, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

Yasemin Aslangoren worked with our office from July 2022 to November 2022. In her role, she assisted me with research and drafting. Yasemin conducted extensive research for a complex administrative appeal and drafted key sections regarding the interplay between administrative service rules under the Charter of the City of New York and CPLR service rules, an area of law that appears well-settled in New York State Courts but remains murky in the administrative courts.

That appeal, although ultimately decided on other grounds, was successful, in no small part due to Yasemin's efforts.

I am confident that, if hired, she will make a valuable addition to your {team/chambers/etc.}. Naturally, should you have further questions, feel free to contact me.

Warm regards,

Brandon A. McKenzie

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Fordham University School of Law  
150 West 62nd Street  
New York, New York 10023

June 12, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

I recommend Yasemin Aslangoren as a clerk in your chambers. Ms. Aslangoren was a student in my Bankruptcy class in the fall of 2021. This was a difficult class, with both a mid-term and final examination, as well as a reflection paper that all students were required to submit. Usually, LLM students do less well than their JD counterparts, but Ms. Aslangoren was the exception to this rule – her class participation, substantive knowledge, and written work were all excellent. She is, moreover, a strong, thoughtful, and amiable person – just the sort of young lawyer I would want to assist me on difficult projects requiring nuanced analysis.

Ms. Aslangoren and I met multiple times over the semester: to answer her questions about bankruptcy law and to discuss the research and writing of her paper. Given the semester we were in, these Zoom office meetings also often strayed to more general conversations about current events, past experiences, and plans for the future. After her graduation from Fordham Law School, we continued to meet occasionally – sometimes, at FLS events on topics related to reorganization and restructuring; at other times, just to catch up one-on-one. Although an LLM student looking to pass the New York State bar examination and securing legal work faces a tough uphill battle, Yasemin has overcome these difficulties with seeming ease. Her work experience – both before her admission to FLS and since graduation – all demonstrate her singular goal in, not only practicing law in the US, but in gaining access to a practice centered on corporate reorganization and restructuring. As a result of these interactions, I can say I know Ms. Aslangoren better than most students. She is quiet and unassuming, passionate, and perseverant. She is also laser focused on her goals – a quality I admire in young professionals.

In sum, I strongly recommend Yasemin Aslangoren without qualification. She will provide strong and steady assistance in your chambers – as a young lawyer and as a work colleague. Please feel free to contact me by email with any additional questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Susan Block-Lieb,  
Cooper Professor in Urban Legal Issues

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## Applicant Details

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## Applicant Education

BA/BS From	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Date of BA/BS	May 2019
JD/LLB From	The University of Chicago Law School
	<a href="https://www.law.uchicago.edu/">https://www.law.uchicago.edu/</a>
Date of JD/LLB	June 1, 2024
Class Rank	School does not rank
Does the law school have a Law Review/Journal?	Yes
Law Review/Journal	No
Moot Court Experience	No

## Bar Admission

## Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/Externships	No
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	No

## **Specialized Work Experience**

## **Recommenders**

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June 15, 2023

The Honorable Scott W. Everett  
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas  
1100 Commerce Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Courtroom #3  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

I am a rising third-year law student at the University of Chicago Law School, and I am applying for a clerkship in your chambers for the 2024 term. I want to clerk in the Northern District of Texas because I have worked as a Summer Associate in Dallas during the past two summers and am committed to forging a permanent legal career in Dallas. As a student who has developed a passion for bankruptcy law, I seek to clerk in your chambers because of my desire to analyze the many novel and complex legal questions that are advanced during bankruptcy proceedings, and my eagerness to learn from your judicial philosophy.

During the 2022-2023 academic year, I refined the skills necessary to be an effective addition to your chambers. I worked in the Kirkland & Ellis Corporate Lab Clinic, where I relied on my innate sense of initiative, attention to detail, and written communication to draft memoranda and revise contracts for large corporate clients. Many of the legal questions I analyzed lacked clear answers, and I welcomed them as challenges to explore obscure issues while drafting succinctly to meet our clients' needs. I am excited to return as a Student Director and manage a group of students by delegating projects and editing their legal writing. As a Research Assistant for Professor Anthony Casey, I have had the opportunity to further sharpen my research and writing skills while engaging with fascinating topics in bankruptcy law like the resolution of mass tort claims through the bankruptcy process.

My passion for bankruptcy law extends outside of the classroom as well, as I have recently joined IWIRC and INSOL as a student member. I am thrilled to advance my commitment to developing a bankruptcy practice and learn from those also passionate about bankruptcy law. I hope to develop my career as a recent law school graduate and future bankruptcy attorney in your chambers by delving into complex issues that have become my favorite to explore. I am confident that my passion for bankruptcy law, research and writing skills, and willing and enthusiastic attitude would make me an invaluable asset to your chambers for the 2024 term.

A resume, transcript, and writing sample are enclosed. I am also expecting one grade in October 2023 for *Comparative Race, Ethnicity and Constitutional Design*. Letters of recommendation from Professors Casey and Avratin will arrive under separate cover. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,



Mica G. Beckmann-White

## Mica G. Beckmann

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### **EDUCATION**

**The University of Chicago Law School**, Chicago, IL

*Juris Doctor Candidate*, June 2024

Honors: INSOL, *Student Committee Member*; Sidley Austin LLP 1L Diversity Summer Mentorship Program; PracticePro Class of 2024 Diversity Scholar; PracticePro 1L Law School Mastery Scholar

Activities: IWIRC, *Member*; Kirkland & Ellis Corporate Lab; BLSA; Texas Law Society; Law & Business Society

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Madison, WI

*Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and Spanish*, May 2019

Activities: Undergraduate Advocacy for Human Rights; Gamma Phi Beta Sorority

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Kirkland & Ellis Corporate Lab**, Chicago, IL

*Student Director*, September 2023 – May 2024

**Jackson Walker LLP**, Dallas, TX

*Restructuring & Corporate Summer Associate*, July 2023 – August 2023

**The University of Chicago Law School**, Remote

*Research Assistant to Professor Anthony Casey*, June 2023 – Present

- Contributing to research in articles to be published, such as analyzing methods for option valuation in insolvency and bankruptcy proceedings

**Sidley Austin LLP**, Dallas, TX

*Corporate Summer Associate and Diversity Scholarship Recipient*, May 2023 – July 2023

- Researching scope of client's rights in a limited partnership to advise client in its creation of a new entity
- Supporting four deal teams by drafting, editing, and managing the organization of transaction documents

**PracticePro**, Remote

*Strategic Partnerships & Community Engagement Specialist*, September 2022 – May 2023

- Developed and managed business development strategy for Pre-Law Diversity Scholarship fundraising efforts
- Raised \$78,300 for Pre-Law Diversity Scholarship through discovery meetings with national law firms

**Baker Botts LLP**, Dallas, TX

*Corporate Summer Associate and 1L Diversity Fellow*, July 2022 – August 2022

- Drafted a certificate of formation, consent resolution, bill of sale agreement, and two warranty deeds
- Researched and analyzed officer indemnification rights under Delaware General Corporation Law

**Jackson Walker LLP**, Dallas, TX

*Corporate, Finance, & Real Estate Summer Associate and 1L LCLD Scholar*, May 2022 – July 2022

- Analyzed and revised language in two equity purchase agreements and amendments to an operating agreement
- Wrote a title objection letter and prepared a comprehensive loan document package

**Meridian Leasing Corporation**, Chicago, IL

*Business Development Associate*, June 2019 – June 2021

- Generated \$1.6 million in purchase and lease transactions through cold-calling, emailing, and account management for seven regional representatives overseeing 300 accounts
- Initiated and negotiated deals with C-level executives in discovery meetings by analyzing prospective clients' operating costs and market challenges and providing finance solutions

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND INTERESTS**

- Swifty Foundation; Intramural Volleyball, Yoga, Pickleball Enthusiast



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Josh Avratin  
*Clinical Professor of Law*  
*Kirkland & Ellis Corporate Clinic*

June 12, 2023

The Honorable Scott W. Everett  
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Re: Mica Beckmann-White

Dear Judge Everett:

Without reservation, I recommend Mica Beckmann-White for a clerkship in your chambers.

I first met Mica in the fall of 2022, when she joined the Law School's Kirkland & Ellis Corporate Lab, a clinic serving large corporations and promising startups and in which I am a Clinical Professor. Mica initially struck me as highly intelligent, confident and personable. She has since completed two quarters as a student in the Lab, and her performance has exceeded even the lofty expectations I developed throughout our initial meetings – so much so that I invited Mica to be a student director in the Lab during her 3L year. In this capacity, Mica will supervise a group of six of her peers by editing, commenting on and cite checking their draft work product produced for a roster of five corporate clients.

Mica consistently produces high quality work that is both well-written and thoroughly researched. I do not typically receive first drafts that are client-ready, but Mica's work has proven to be an exception to this rule. Her superb research and drafting skills have also buoyed her teammates' work product, as she is a true team player who selflessly assists her colleagues whenever an opportunity arises.

Mica also has a pragmatic way of thinking, which she demonstrates by connecting the dots between clients' legal questions with their unique business needs. For instance, the Lab was asked by a national retailer to produce a table summarizing potential legal issues associated with selling sexual wellness devices in a dozen jurisdictions. In addition to completing the requested table, Mica went above and beyond by preparing an accompanying memorandum assessing comparative risk across jurisdictions and offering a uniform policy that would be universally compliant. The client was impressed by Mica's ability to synthesize novel and complex legal issues in an easily digestible manner, as well as her understanding of the real-world business needs underpinning legal research.

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Further, Mica carries herself with a degree of professionalism far beyond her years. As a student in the Lab, she was in charge of managing client relations with several large corporations. Her soft skills, including prompt and concise responses to questions, leading conference calls, and interacting with clients in social settings, are first-rate. Additionally, she routinely completes projects well in advance of their deadlines, which affords me ample time to review and comment on her work product.

Prior to joining the faculty of The University of Chicago Law School, I was an associate at both Sidley Austin and Goodwin Procter, and corporate counsel at Groupon. I have had the opportunity to work with many skilled attorneys throughout my career, which has given me a keen eye for identifying talent amongst my students. Not only is Mica a pragmatic thinker, diligent worker, and outstanding communicator, but she is exceptionally likable, respectful and hard-working and, for these reasons, I whole-heartedly recommend her for a clerkship in your chambers.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Josh Avratin', with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Josh Avratin

**Professor Anthony J. Casey**  
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June 21, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

I write to recommend Mica Beckman for a clerkship. I met Mica during her law school orientation and was immediately impressed with her confidence, quick wit, and intelligence. This year I had the pleasure of teaching her in my Business Organizations class in the fall and my Bankruptcy class in the winter.

Mica is one the most impressive law students I have taught. In every class, she is energetic, prepared, and eager to engage. I will share one anecdote from my bankruptcy class as an example. For one class session, I invited two bankruptcy judges to provide a guest lecture. The judges provided a case study and asked the students to work through it with them. The issues in the case study included many things we had not yet covered in class. When they asked students to share their thoughts, Mica was the first volunteer. She started reasoning through every issue in the case. Her ability to intuit and understand the law that we had not yet covered was outstanding. Indeed, after the session, one of the judges approached me to let me know that she thought Mica was a superstar.

Outside of class, Mica is equally impressive. She is the vice president of the Law and Business Society, and an active member of the Texas Law Society. She has also devoted a great deal of her time and effort to promoting diversity in the legal profession. She is on the executive board of the Black Law Students Association; she works as a community engagement specialist developing strategies for fundraising for pre-law diversity scholarships; and she has worked in several government internships focusing on issues related to diversity.

As an undergraduate, she was the president of Undergraduate Advocacy for Human Rights at the University of Wisconsin.

Hiring Mica for a clerkship is a no-brainer. Mica is a brilliant leader with a passion for promoting diversity in the legal profession.

If I can provide you with any further information about Mica, do not hesitate to call or email.

Very truly yours,  
Anthony J. Casey

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## Applicant Education

BA/BS From **Texas A&M University-Tarleton State University**  
 Date of BA/BS **December 2019**  
 JD/LLB From **Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law**  
<https://www.smu.edu/Law/Career-Services>  
 Date of JD/LLB **May 5, 2024**  
 Class Rank **Below 50%**  
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**  
 Journal(s) **International Law Review Association (ILRA)**  
 Moot Court Experience **No**

## Bar Admission

## Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/ Externships	<b>Yes</b>
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	<b>No</b>

### **Specialized Work Experience**

### **Recommenders**

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**Sarah Boronkay**

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July 13, 2023

The Honorable Judge Scott W. Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building  
1100 Commerce Street  
Room 1421  
Dallas, TX 75242-1496

Dear Judge Everett:

I am a rising third-year student at SMU Dedman School of Law, and I am writing to apply for a clerkship with your chambers beginning in 2024. Clerking in your chambers would be an honor, and I believe my interest in bankruptcy combined with my experience in chambers would allow me to contribute meaningfully to your work. I have sincerely enjoyed every opportunity I have had to study and observe bankruptcy practice. This is an area of the law I take great interest in, and I am strongly committed to staying and pursuing a legal career in the DFW area. Clerking for you in particular would be a privilege as I admire your accomplishments in the legal field, your unique perspective as a practitioner, clerk, and judge, and your ties to DFW.

I earned bachelor's and master's degrees in English Technical Writing and Rhetoric, and I also endeavored to cultivate my legal writing through participation in the International Law Review Association, multiple drafting courses, and internships and externships with Federal judges. During my undergraduate and graduate degrees, I analyzed documents, prepared research, and explained the application of such research both orally and in written form. In law school and while clerking for firms, I have connected these skills to the practice of law and narrowed my focus to bankruptcy in particular.

Through my opportunities with Judge Manske and Judge Morris I drafted and submitted a variety of writing assignments and worked directly with the clerks in both chambers to analyze what worked well and areas to improve for the future. I not only obtained an inside perspective of the federal judiciary, but I also gained exposure to bankruptcy practitioners and judges in action and reaffirmed my interest in pursuing this area of law. I initially was drawn to the distinctive blend of transactional and litigation skills in bankruptcy work, and after gaining hands-on experience researching and observing bankruptcy proceedings, I have cemented my desire to pursue a practice in this area and hope to start my career in bankruptcy chambers.

These opportunities gave me the foundational understanding of the role of a law clerk and reaffirmed my interest in serving as a post-graduate bankruptcy law clerk. Building on these experiences, I am prepared to be an asset in your chambers and continue to grow as a legal advocate and bankruptcy professional. I have included for your review my resume, transcript, writing sample, and letters of recommendation. I appreciate your time and consideration of my application, and I would welcome the opportunity to interview with you.

Sincerely,



Sarah Boronkay



## Sarah Boronkay

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### EDUCATION

#### **SMU Dedman School of Law**

Dallas, TX

*Candidate for Juris Doctor, May 2024*

- GPA: 3.210
- Dean's List, Fall 2021 (Top 25% of Class)
- Dean's Scholarship
- International Law Review Association, *Case Note & Comment Editor*
- Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Team, *Brief Writer (Spring 2024)*
- Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Society, *Clerk*
- Tax Law Society; Women in Law; Sports & Entertainment Law Association
- TexasLawHelp LiveChat, *Volunteer*
- DFW Association of Young Bankruptcy Lawyers, *Student Member*
- State Bar of Texas Bankruptcy Section, *Young Lawyers Committee*

#### **Tarleton State University**

Stephenville, TX

*Master of Arts in English, magna cum laude, May 2021*

- GPA: 3.83
- Concentration: Technical Writing and Rhetoric
- Bob Hallmark Graduate Scholarship, Philosophy Club, COBA Law Society, TSU Stock Horse Team

*Bachelor of Arts in English, cum laude, December 2019*

- GPA: 3.61
- Concentration: Technical Writing; Minors: Business, Philosophy
- Presidential Honors Program, Presidential Honors Scholarship, President's Texan Scholarship
- **Honors College Study Abroad:** University of Urbino, Urbino, Italy
- Philosophy Club, English Club, COBA Law Society; TSU Stock Horse Team, TSU Equestrian Team

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### **Southwest Airlines Co.**

Dallas, TX

*Corporate Counsel Extern, August 2023 – December 2023*

#### **Tollefson Bradley Mitchell & Melendi, LLP**

Dallas, TX

*Intern, June 2023 – August 2023*

- Researching bankruptcy law and its effects on a client's position
- Drafting a variety of motions for litigation (motion to strike, motion for summary judgment, etc.)

#### **Bourland, Wall & Wenzel, P.C.**

Fort Worth, TX

*Law Clerk, May 2023 – June 2023*

- Conducted trial preparation, organized deposition summaries, and observed court proceedings
- Researched tax law and drafted documents outlining potential risks to client
- Created short sheets for contracts related to client interests and created organization chart

#### **The Honorable E. Lee Morris, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas**

Fort Worth, TX

*Judicial Extern, January 2023 – April 2023*

- Observed trials, adversary proceedings, and chapter 7, 13, and 11 hearings
- Researched multiple areas of bankruptcy law and prepared recommendations
- Drafted various documents for clerks and Judge

#### **The Honorable Jeffrey Manske, U.S. District Court of the Western District of Texas**

Waco, TX

*Judicial Intern, May 2022 – July 2022*

- Observed both civil and criminal court proceedings in person and on Zoom
- Consulted with the Judge about outcomes and *voir dire* proceedings
- Conducted legal research and drafted a report and recommendation for the Court

#### **Tarleton State University**

Stephenville, TX

*University Graduate Assistant in Writing Center, January 2020 – May 2021*

- Assisted with editing of essays for clarity, organization, and content and tutored students

*University Writing Center Consultant, January 2019 – December 2019*

- Provided individually-tailored assistance to students and professors in drafting and editing documents
- Counseled students dealing with conflict and stress relating to papers, professors, and/or classmates

### INTERESTS

Interests include playing the cello, competing in stock horse shows, and collecting old books.

July 14, 2023

Honorable Judge Everett  
Northern District of Texas

Dear Judge Everett,

I am writing to recommend Sarah Boronkay for a federal clerkship position in your chambers. I have had the pleasure of teaching Sarah in my Introduction to Venture Transactions and Analysis of a Series A Transaction courses. In both courses, Sarah consistently demonstrated a deep understanding of the material, a strong work ethic, and a keen intellectual curiosity. Sarah is a highly motivated and hard-working student. She is always willing to put in the extra effort to learn the material and to master the skills necessary to succeed in my classes, even when the material is new to her. To wit, using Microsoft Excel is a critical skill for a venture attorney, and Sarah had little experience with it prior to my class. She diligently applied herself to learning the program and how to use it in my class, and frequently stayed after class or came by my office to discuss.

In addition to being a hard worker, Sarah is also an inquisitive and engaged student. She scored at the top of my class in participation. She is always eager to learn new things and to discuss the material in her classes. She is also not afraid to ask questions, even if they are challenging or difficult. I truly enjoyed having her in my class.

I believe that she would find a bankruptcy clerkship to be fascinating and stimulating, and it would be a great foundation for her career. I have no doubt that Sarah would be an asset to your chambers. She is a bright, hardworking, and inquisitive student who would be eager to learn from you and to contribute to the work and purpose. I highly recommend her for a federal clerkship position. Please let me know if there is anything else I can provide as you consider her application.

Sincerely,

Kevin Vela

Kevin Vela - kmvela@yahoo.com

July 24, 2023

Dear Judge:

Sarah Boronkay, one of my SMU Creditors Rights students from last spring, is applying to clerk for you and I recommend her. Sarah was in one of the strongest classes I have taught at the law school and she made a good grade and held her own! She was always prepared and willing to engage. She talked to me many times after class. It is clear that she has been infected with the insolvency bug.

Sarah externed last spring for Judge Morris and got to see many interesting hearings, including those in Tuesday Morning.

I hope you will consider Sarah. Also, on a personal note, I hope you are doing well.

Cooter Hale

Harlin Hale - Judge\_Harlin\_Hale@txnb.uscourts.gov - 214-243-8828



292ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
**JUDGE BRANDON BIRMINGHAM**

To Whom it May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write on behalf of Sarah Baronkay, an excellent student seeking a clerkship in your chambers.

For the past 5 years, I have had the pleasure of teaching an upper level class at Southern Methodist Law School called "Circumstantial Evidence in Murder Trials." In the class, we study the work of excellent lawyers and judges from famous trials, beginning with Charles Kugadt in 1898, Jack Ruby and Charles "Tex" Watson in the 1960's, and finally Charles Albright and Timothy McVeigh in the 1990's. In the class, students begin to master the skill of analyzing the relative strengths and weaknesses of pieces of evidence and learn how to craft a persuasive case for jurors.

Ms. Baronkay excelled in the class and consistently sought additional feedback throughout the semester. I can only assume the reason she did so is because she genuinely desires to improve, not for the sake of a grade but for the sake of mastering her craft. Her hard work during the semester certainly paid off: she scored among the top of her class.

She has shown by her performance that she would be an asset for any Court, and I hope you'll consider giving her a chance. If you have any questions or need any further information, please don't hesitate to call me. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brandon Birmingham", is written over a circular stamp.

Brandon Birmingham  
Judge – 292<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court  
Dallas County, Texas  
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## Applicant Details

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## Applicant Education

BA/BS From	Southwestern University
Date of BA/BS	May 2020
JD/LLB From	Texas A&M University School of Law
	<a href="http://law.tamu.edu">http://law.tamu.edu</a>
Date of JD/LLB	May 3, 2024
Class Rank	50%
Law Review/Journal	Yes
Journal(s)	Texas A&M Journal of Property Law
Moot Court Experience	No

## Bar Admission

## Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/Externships	Yes
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	No

## Specialized Work Experience

## Recommenders

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Emily Campbell  
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July 1, 2023

The Honorable Scott W. Everett  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas  
1100 Commerce Street  
Room 1421  
Dallas, TX 75242-1496

Dear Judge Everett,

I am a third-year law student at Texas A&M University School of Law and Note and Comment editor of the Texas A&M Journal of Property Law. I am writing to apply for a 2024-2025 term clerkship in your chambers. I want to serve as your law clerk because I externed with Judge Mark X Mullin during the Spring 2023 semester, and he spoke very highly of you. I love bankruptcy law and my goal is to become a bankruptcy attorney one day.

This application includes my resume, unofficial transcript, and writing sample. Letters of recommendation from Texas A&M University School of Law Professor Wayne Barnes and Judge Mark X Mullin will follow.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [emilyc26@tamu.edu](mailto:emilyc26@tamu.edu) or by phone at 940-368-4907. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,  
Emily Campbell

**EMILY CAMPBELL**  
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## **EDUCATION**

### **Texas A&M University School of Law**

Fort Worth, Texas

*Juris Doctor Candidate*, May 2024

- GPA: 3.39; Top 45%
- Texas A&M Journal of Property Law, 2023-24, *Note and Comment Editor*
- Received A+ in Legal Analysis, Research and Writing I, Spring 2022
- Received A+ in Sales and Leases, Spring 2023

### **Southwestern University**

Georgetown, Texas

Bachelor of Arts in History, *magna cum laude*, May 2020

- Phi Beta Kappa

Southwestern Women's Golf Team

- 2020 Southwestern University "Athlete of the Decade"
- 2019 SCAC Conference Champion
- SCAC First Team All-Conference 2019; SCAC All-Conference Honorable Mention 2018

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- *Unequal Land: Towards Full Recognition of Indigenous People's Religious Rights*, 10 TEX. A&M J. PROP. L. \_\_\_\_ (2023)

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Brackett and Ellis, P.C.**

Fort Worth, Texas

*Law Clerk*, May 2023 – June 2023

- Drafted jury charge for trademark misappropriation case
- Researched and drafted memoranda relating to contracts, corporate law, and estate planning
- Drafted petition and initial disclosures for breach of contract and professional liability case

### **The Honorable Mark X. Mullin**

Fort Worth, Texas

### **U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas**

*Judicial Extern*, Jan. 2023 – April 2023

- Drafted and researched memoranda related to bankruptcy and sales
- Observed bankruptcy adversary proceedings, motions to extend and lift stay, motions to sell, status conferences, and Ch. 13 Trustee Contested Docket
- Compiled and summarized relevant recent bankruptcy cases in the Fifth Circuit

### **United States Office of Special Counsel**

Dallas, Texas

*Intern*, June 2022 – Aug. 2022

- Drafted response and closure letters to individuals alleging federal government corruption
- Researched cases and drafted memorandum related to Title VII

### **The Honorable Christine A. Nowak**

Sherman, Texas

### **U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Texas**

*Judicial Intern*, May 2022 – June 2022

- Drafted a federal criminal detention order for a pretrial detainee
- Drafted and researched memoranda related to Social Security appeal
- Observed federal civil, criminal, and state court proceedings

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

- Read and write Spanish
- Interests include golf, rescuing dogs, and Orange Theory Fitness



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SCHOOL OF LAW



July 4, 2023

Honorable Scott W. Everett  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Texas  
Earle Cabell Federal Building  
1100 Commerce St., Rm. 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242-1496

Re: Recommendation of Emily Campbell

Dear Judge Everett:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of Emily Campbell, for a judicial clerkship position with your court. Emily has been a student in several of my classes — including Contracts and Core Commercial Concepts. I always enjoy having Emily in my class. She is invariably well-prepared, and she manifests a deep and comprehensive understanding of the topics she is called upon to discuss. I might add, she actually seems to *enjoy* the commercial topics that I teach, and that only enhanced my enjoyment of her participation in my classes. I should note, she has not taken Bankruptcy yet, but that is only because it was not offered this past 2022-2023 year, which was her 2L year. Her first opportunity to take it will be when I teach it again in the Spring 2024 semester, which will be her last semester of law school.

Emily has been successful more generally in law school thus far, having been elected as a Note and Comment Editor for the Texas A&M Journal of Property Law, and doing well in many of her classes. She also has shown astonishing discipline and determination and success in her collegiate golf career, as you will note on her resume. These accomplishments denote not just golf skills specifically, but more translatable life skills that will serve her well in any endeavors and are a good predictor of her grit and determination in other areas. Pertinent to Emily's interest in a position with your court, she has been highly interested in gaining legal and judicial experience, as you will note from her several experiences in that regard. These include serving as a judicial extern for Judge Christine A. Nowak, Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division, and also for your longtime colleague Judge Mullin. In addition to these judicial experiences, she has also gained legal experience with positions at the United States Office of Special Counsel, the City of Fort Worth Attorney's Office, and the Brackett and Ellis law firm. All these judicial experiences will serve Emily well in any future legal positions she obtains, particularly judicial positions like the one she is seeking with your court.

I would be remiss not to acknowledge that there is one thing unusual about this letter for me — Emily is a well-loved, close family friend. She went to high school with my daughter Ashley at a very difficult time in Ashley's life, as Ashley was undergoing a significant decline in her health

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and developing some lifelong special needs which still permanently exist to the present. During this time and throughout, Emily has shown true kindness to Ashley, and remained a good friend to her through this ordeal, when most others in Ashley's prior life have not done the same. I think this, too, shows a side of Emily's personality that demonstrates strong empathy and compassion, which of course are interpersonal attributes that will serve her well not just as a member of our legal profession, but as a quality human being. In short, my family thinks the world of Emily.

In sum, Emily is bright, hard-working, and motivated to succeed. She has a real passion for the law. She has been a pleasure as a law student, and I believe she will be a successful attorney. I think she is a quality human being. I feel confident she would be an asset to your court, and I could not recommend her any higher. I hope you will give her every consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wayne Barnes  
Professor of Law

**Applicant Details**

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**Applicant Education**

BA/BS From	<b>Southern Methodist University</b>
Date of BA/BS	<b>January 2021</b>
JD/LLB From	<b>The University of Texas School of Law</b>
	<a href="http://www.law.utexas.edu">http://www.law.utexas.edu</a>
Date of JD/LLB	<b>May 1, 2024</b>
Class Rank	<b>School does not rank</b>
Law Review/Journal	<b>Yes</b>
Journal(s)	<b>The Review of Litigation</b>
Moot Court Experience	<b>No</b>

**Bar Admission****Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/ Externships	<b>No</b>
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Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk      **No**

### **Specialized Work Experience**

### **Recommenders**

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**Hannah Fassler**

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July 15, 2023

The Honorable Scott W. Everett  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Texas  
1100 Commerce Street, 14th Floor  
Dallas, Texas 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

I am currently a second-year student at The University of Texas School of Law and I am applying for a 2024-term clerkship in your chambers. As an aspiring trial attorney, I am particularly interested in clerking for you due to the wide variety of matters that arise in bankruptcy proceedings. I am excited at the prospect of starting my career in such a dynamic and interesting environment.

Throughout my life I have sought out and embraced the uncomfortable. This led me to study law after college, encouraged me to pursue a skydiving license, and now uniquely qualifies me to work as your law clerk after graduation. Skydiving taught me to jump headfirst into challenges and trust my instincts. Similarly, the ever-shifting legal landscape consistently yields new challenges. Adding depth to the black letter of the law requires more than technical legal skills. It requires creativity, the ability to adapt quickly to complex and challenging situations, and the desire to humbly serve. While law school taught me the concrete skills to approach a problem, skydiving gave me the spirit and drive to go beyond that. As a clerk, I will bring the spirit and grit I learned from skydiving, along with the unquantifiable, nebulous drive that spurs creativity and breathes life into the black letter of the law.

My application includes a resume, transcript, list of references, and a writing sample. Letters of recommendation from Professors Adam Klein and Jeffrey Rows have also been added to the application by the Law School. I have requested that the clerkship office also separately send an additional recommendation letter from Alex Wolens once it has been received. These recommenders may be reached as follows:

- Professor Adam Klein, The University of Texas School of Law [adam.klein@law.utexas.edu](mailto:adam.klein@law.utexas.edu), 202-329-6271
- Professor Jeffrey Rows, The University of Texas School of Law [jeffrey.rows@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:jeffrey.rows@austin.utexas.edu), 703-599-2307
- Alex Wolens, Winston & Strawn, LLP, [awolens@winston.com](mailto:awolens@winston.com), 214-453-6485

In addition, the Law School's clerkship advisor, Kathleen Overly, is available to answer your questions. You may reach her at [koverly@law.utexas.edu](mailto:koverly@law.utexas.edu) or 512-232-1316. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Hannah Fassler

Enclosures

## Hannah Fassler

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### EDUCATION

**The University of Texas School of Law**, Austin, TX

J.D. expected May 2024

GPA: 3.75

- THE REVIEW OF LITIGATION, Staff Editor, Volume 42 (2022-23)
- Research Assistant to Professor Adam Klein (Summer 2023, researching the debate over international and domestic terrorism laws)
- Research Assistant to Professor Thomas McGarity (Spring 2023, researching litigation pertaining to lockdown, mask, and vaccine mandates issued due to the COVID-19 pandemic for a forthcoming project)
- Dean's Achievement Award in Torts (given to the top-performing student in the section)
- Foley & Lardner Novice Mock Trial Competition, Semi-Finalist
- AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Competition Team, Member

**Southern Methodist University**, Dallas, TX

B.S. *magna cum laude* in Health & Society received January 2021

GPA: 3.892

- Minor in Political Science
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Robert Stewart Hyer Society (recognizes SMU's most intellectually gifted undergraduate students)
- Research Assistant to Dr. Michael Lindsey in the Psychology Department (October 2020)
- Research Assistant to Dr. Austin Baldwin in the Psychology Department (Spring 2018)

### EXPERIENCE

**Winston & Strawn, LLP**, Dallas, TX

*Summer Associate*, May-August 2022, Summer 2023

- Researched legal issues and prepared memoranda while clerking in the Litigation section.

**Southern Methodist University Office of Legal Affairs**, Dallas, TX

*Administrative Assistant (Records & Management Project)*, January 2021-May 2021

*Intern*, May 2019-December 2020

- Spearheaded the office's "attic project," an endeavor to transition millions of pages of physical legal records into a digital format.
- Organized legal records, created a new online filing system, executed the digitization of records.
- In charge of training three student workers, teaching them how to read legal documents, create indexes for the filing system, and to properly handle aged documents.
- Assisted lawyers and legal assistants with daily tasks including assembling litigation binders, composing documents and letters, and processing the mail. Operated the front desk.

**Retail Union Partners**, Dallas, TX

*Intern*, May 2018-January 2019

- Designed and created the portfolio of proposed locations for Amazon Go in Dallas. Evaluated possible sites, tracked demographic data, and conducted research for clients.

### INTERESTS

- Oil pastel, acrylic paint, swimming, kickboxing, skydiving ("A" license expected August 2023)

*Prepared on June 26, 2023*



July 15, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

It's my pleasure to offer an unqualified recommendation for Hannah Fassler. Hannah was an outstanding student in my Fall 2022 constitutional-litigation class.

I have the background to be able to recommend Hannah with confidence. I'm a senior attorney with the Institute for Justice, a public-interest, nonprofit law firm, where I specialize in constitutional law. I also teach strategic constitutional litigation as an adjunct-faculty member at the University of Texas School of Law in Austin. In addition to teaching, I've worked with roughly 250 law students in my 18 years with the Institute. I also clerked for Judge Will Garwood on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and Judge Patricia Fawsett of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Hannah wrote one of the best briefs in the class, and she chose a challenging, cutting-edge case likely destined for the Supreme Court: Whether the police can use predictive algorithms to detain or search someone for whom there isn't actual probable cause. We discussed various drafts. She incorporated feedback. And her final brief convincingly argued that the Fourth Amendment does not allow this. Hannah also offered insightful, often funny, comments during lectures and was enjoyable to have in class.

Hannah is well suited to clerking. In my experience as a lawyer, law professor, and law clerk, the essential traits of a young lawyer are tenacity, precision, and timeliness. Judges need tenacious clerks who will track down the full universe of relevant statutes and cases; precise clerks who pay attention to the material facts and language that render authorities applicable or distinguishable; and timely clerks who can do the job right without taking too long. Hannah has these essential traits in spades.

Beyond her intellectual talents and diligence, Hannah is an easygoing, fun person to have around. And adventurous: she's an avid skydiver! She's mature and without any trace of ego. This sort of personal chemistry can be very important in judicial chambers where a small staff must work closely and happily together.

In sum, Hannah is great. I can envision her as lawyer here at the Institute, which is the highest compliment I can offer. In fact, she plans to pursue a career in public-interest law, and a clerkship in your chambers will be an excellent springboard for that. I know she will be a valuable asset to your chambers and those fortunate enough to work with her later on.

With highest regards,

Jeffrey T. Rowes  
Adjunct Professor  
The University of Texas School of Law

Jeffrey Rowes - [jeffrey.rowes@law.utexas.edu](mailto:jeffrey.rowes@law.utexas.edu)

July 15, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

I write to enthusiastically recommend Hannah Fassler for a clerkship in your chambers.

Hannah was a top performer in my Fall 2022 class on Surveillance, Liberty, and Privacy. The course traces the legal regimes applicable to government surveillance and intelligence programs back to the Founding era. Students explore the meaning of the Fourth Amendment and the modern tension between the traditional approach rooted in the Amendment's text and the "expectations of privacy" jurisprudence generated by *Katz v. United States*.

Each student must produce an original research paper. Hannah's paper dealt with a complex, tricky area of law: the interplay between foreign intelligence powers, domestic security, and constitutional rights. Hannah's paper skillfully explored the interactions between the often-orthogonal sources of law that may apply to national-security investigations and policy: the Fourth Amendment and other constitutional provisions, FISA, federal criminal laws and investigative powers, privacy-related statutes, Executive Orders, and agency procedures. Students encountering national-security law for the first time typically struggle to disentangle and correctly apply the various legal regimes. Hannah did not, demonstrating her doctrinal aptitude and intellectual qualities.

Above all, Hannah's paper stood out for its depth of research into relevant case law, statutes, secondary sources, and government materials. In my experience, few students pursue answers to their chosen questions with such diligence. Hannah's ability and determination to find and synthesize the full range of materials relevant to a complex legal question gives me confidence that she will excel as a law clerk in any chambers.

On a personal level, Hannah is friendly, respectful, and humble. She has an interesting mix of artistic and athletic interests outside of her studies and would be a positive and collegial presence in chambers each day.

I hope you will give Hannah your strongest consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Adam I. Klein  
Senior Lecturer  
Director, Robert Strauss Center for International Security and Law

Adam Klein - [adam.klein@law.utexas.edu](mailto:adam.klein@law.utexas.edu)

July 15, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

I write to recommend Hannah Fassler for a law clerk position in your chambers. Hannah worked in our Dallas office as a Summer Associate last summer, and I have had the opportunity to work with her directly.

Hannah's resume showcases what sets her apart: she is both academically gifted, and curious to learn, grow, and push herself beyond her comfort zone. Hannah has a 3.75 GPA in law school (having earned a 3.892 in her undergraduate program) and is a staff editor on *The Review of Litigation*. She has distinguished herself academically in both her undergraduate and law school programs, gaining eligibility for the Robert Stewart Hyer Society (SMU's most intellectually gifted undergraduate students) and earning the Dean's Achievement Award in Torts (for top performer in her section). She has sought out research assistant positions in both programs, studying issues related to psychology and legal issues involving COVID-19 policies like mask mandates. She is on the travel team for one of the mock trial programs. And outside of school, Hannah is seeking a license in skydiving – an unusual hobby she has maintained the last few years. Hannah's passion for skydiving made an impression in the Winston & Strawn interviewing process because, in our view, it reveals a fearlessness and tenacity that will serve her well in the legal profession.

During my time working with Hannah, I was most impressed by her ability to take constructive feedback and revise her work product until it was in polished form. She asks questions and is eager to learn. She volunteers ideas for how to think about an issue differently or make work product better. She checks in during execution of a draft to ensure she's on the "right track." These are not signs of uncertainty – these are humble and confident traits of a young lawyer who recognizes that she is learning a new craft and is eager to learn it as quickly and adeptly as possible.

Beyond Hannah's intellectual curiosity and commitment to excellence, she is a pleasure to work with. She has a persistently positive and cheerful attitude. She is engaging in both professional and social environments. She shows up to work early and expresses an appreciation and enthusiasm for the opportunity to contribute and be among the team.

I am confident that Hannah would add value to any chambers. Meeting Hannah for the first time, one can immediately sense her work ethic, sense of camaraderie, and positive spirit.

If I can provide any additional information regarding Hannah, please do not hesitate to call me directly at 214-538-3777 or e-mail me at [a.c.wolens@gmail.com](mailto:a.c.wolens@gmail.com).

Respectfully,

Alex C. Wolens

Alex Wolens - [a.c.wolens@gmail.com](mailto:a.c.wolens@gmail.com)

## Applicant Details

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 Address

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Contact Phone Number **6013313912**

## Applicant Education

BA/BS From **Mississippi State University**  
 Date of BA/BS **May 2020**  
 JD/LLB From **The University of Mississippi School of Law**  
[http://www.nalplawschoolsonline.org/ndlsdir\\_search\\_results.asp?lscd=62501&yr=2011](http://www.nalplawschoolsonline.org/ndlsdir_search_results.asp?lscd=62501&yr=2011)  
 Date of JD/LLB **May 1, 2024**  
 Class Rank **10%**  
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**  
 Journal(s) **Mississippi Sports Law Review**  
 Moot Court Experience **No**

## Bar Admission

## Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial  
Internships/            **No**  
Externships  
Post-graduate  
Judicial Law           **No**  
Clerk

**Specialized Work Experience**

**Recommenders**

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**This applicant has certified that all data entered in this profile and any application documents are true and correct.**

The Honorable Scott W. Everett  
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas  
Earle Cabell Federal Building  
1100 Commerce St., Rm. 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242-1496

Dear Judge Everett:

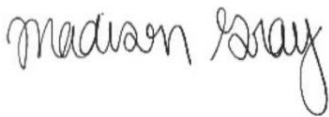
My name is Madison Gray and I am a rising third-year student at the University of Mississippi School of Law. I am applying for the clerkship in your chambers for the 2024 – 2025 term. I am hoping to relocate to Dallas following graduation and remain there long-term because of my significant other, and I know that judicial clerkships provide a great opportunity to enter a new market.

I am especially interested in a bankruptcy court clerkship as opposed to other courts because of interest in transactional and corporate law. Getting first-hand experience in the complex litigation and business restructurings that are dealt with in bankruptcy court would be an invaluable opportunity and extremely useful in my future practice as a transactional attorney. Additionally, your experiences as a clerk for Judge Ronald B. King, the Tenth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, and Judge Mark X. Mullin means that I would be learning about bankruptcy law from someone who has spent their career practicing in it. Clerking in your chambers would allow me to learn the judicial process of the bankruptcy court while also honing my research and writing skills.

I believe I am a good fit for this clerkship because of my background in accounting. I have a Bachelor's and Master's degree in accountancy, and I have completed internships at HORNE LLP and KPMG. I was also selected for the Business Law Fellowship Program at Ole Miss, and my time on the University of Mississippi School of Law Negotiation Board has allowed me to develop strong communication and negotiation skills. My time as a staff editor for the *Mississippi Sports Law Journal* has also given me strong research and writing skills.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to further discuss this clerkship and my qualifications with you. If there is any additional information you would like from me I can be reached at 601-331-3912 or [Madison.gray98@gmail.com](mailto:Madison.gray98@gmail.com). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Madison Gray". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with the first and last names clearly legible.

Madison Gray

## MADISON ELIZABETH GRAY

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Oxford, Mississippi 38655  
601-331-3912  
madison.gray98@gmail.com

### EDUCATION

#### University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford, MS

*Juris Doctor Candidate*, May 2024

Resident GPA- 3.69; Class Rank- 21 out of 175

- Business Law Fellowship Program, (1 of 14 students selected) January 2022
- Initiated into Phi Delta Phi Academic Honor Society, March 2022
- Staff Editor for the *Mississippi Sports Law Journal*, August 2022
- Member of the University of Mississippi Negotiation Board
  - Recognized as one of the top two competitors in the Fall 2022 External Competition

#### Mississippi State University, Adkerson School of Accountancy, Starkville, MS

*Master of Professional Accountancy*, May 2021

GPA- 3.71/4.00

*Bachelor of Accountancy*, summa cum laude, May 2020

GPA- 3.89/4.00

- Vice President of Programs, Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Honor Society, 2018-2019
- Member, Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, Spring 2018
- Ambassador, Adkerson School of Accountancy, Fall 2017-Spring 2019

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

#### Friday, Eldredge, & Clark, Little Rock, AR

*Law Clerk*- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### Mitchell, McNutt & Sams, Tupelo / Oxford, MS

*Law Clerk*- July 10<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup> 2023

#### Harris Shelton, Oxford, MS

*Law Clerk*- December 12, 2022 – January 17, 2023

- Researched various legal issues, including laws governing covenants not to compete, construction contracts, and other contracts governed by the Uniform Commercial Code
- Filed Articles of Incorporation for multiple Mississippi limited liability companies through the Secretary of State's office
- Researched federal and state patent law and assisted client through process of obtaining a patent for his new business
- Drafted demand letters for multiple clients facing litigation to be sent to opposing parties
- Reviewed Mississippi Department of Health regulations for medical marijuana growers in the state then communicated the rules and regulations to clients opening cultivation facilities in the state

#### Trustmark National Bank, Jackson, MS

*Business Law Fellow/Corporate Legal Intern*, June 29, 2022 – August 10, 2022

- Researched various legal issues for upcoming litigation
- Examined proposed contracts to make sure that it met the regulations and guidance provided by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
- Observed the day-to-work of the in-house legal counsel for the bank, including how legal issues coming in from all the branches were resolved

#### Harris Shelton, Memphis, TN

*Law Clerk*, May 16, 2022 – June 24, 2022;

- Researched various legal topics and wrote research memorandums for upcoming litigation, including medical malpractice, personal injury, and commercial litigation actions

**MADISON ELIZABETH GRAY**

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- Assisted in transactional law projects through research, preparation of tenant estoppel forms, and preparation of Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) forms
- Learned how to conduct title exam in real estate transaction

**ACCOUNTING  
EXPERIENCE**

**KPMG LLP**, Memphis, TN

*Tax Intern*, January-March 2020

- Assisted in drafting of federal and state-level corporate tax returns and extensions
- Prepared engagement letters, elections checklists, and Excel templates as part of preliminary work for an engagement with a client
- Responsible for compiling and organizing employee responses to a survey regarding bonuses and compensation system in the Business-Tax department

**HORNE LLP**, Public and Middle Market Division, Ridgeland, MS

*Audit Intern*, Summer 2019

- Used various methodologies to check that variances in asset and liability amounts for clients' annual financial statements fell below materiality thresholds
- Rolled-forward prior year audit workpapers to be used on current client engagements
- Worked as member of audit team at different client sites, including public and not-for-profit entities



June 12, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

I am writing as an academic reference on behalf of Madison Gray, a rising third-year law student at the University of Mississippi, who is applying for a clerkship position in your chambers. As Ms. Gray possesses both the academic and personal qualities that would make her a strong judicial clerk, I enthusiastically support her application without reservation.

I taught Ms. Gray last fall in my white collar crime class (A-) and again this past spring in my Pro Sports Law class (A-). Consequently, I know Ms. Gray's abilities quite well.

Academically, Ms. Gray is a strong student, as her work in my classes demonstrated. She is a hard worker who is always prepared for class. Her work is consistently solid, reflects superior analytical skills, and demonstrates a level of attention to detail not found in most law students.

Her writing skills are also solid. She is a clear communicator and able to synthesize legal doctrine clearly. She is also able to determine which facts matter most to the analysis and apply the law to facts in a reasonable and straightforward manner.

In addition to her academic attributes, Ms. Gray has an engaging personality that would bring life to any chambers. She is someone who always seems to genuinely enjoy what she is doing. Ms. Gray is esteemed by her peers and professors alike, and would make a solid law clerk.

It is for all of these reasons that I enthusiastically recommend Ms. Gray for a law clerk position in your chambers. Please contact me if I can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

William W. Berry III

Associate Dean for Research

Montague Professor of Law

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June 15, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

I am writing to recommend that you consider hiring Madison Gray for a clerkship in your chambers. I am a professor at the University of Mississippi School of Law, where I teach Property, Real Estate, and the Low-Income Housing Clinic.

Madison was a student in my Property class in spring 2022. She had good attendance, demonstrated regularly that she had done the readings by voluntarily participating, had a pleasant demeanor, and engaged actively in class discussions. Madison did very well on assessments during the semester and ended up with a solid B plus in the course overall.

I had the pleasure of teaching Madison again this spring when she took my Real Estate Transactions course. The course is graded based upon two assessments -- an exam in the classic law school format and a project that required each student to conduct detailed research in the land records regarding a specific parcel of land. The students then had to use their research to draw legal conclusions about the marketability of that parcel's title. Madison's work on her project was the best in the class, which to my mind indicates that she is a person who enjoys doing in-depth research, is detail-oriented, methodical and well-organized, and enjoys problem-solving. Madison also did very well on the exam and received an A minus in the course overall.

Madison is a strong law student, ranked 21 out of 174 students at this time. Before coming to the law, she was also a strong Master's degree student in accountancy at Mississippi State University. Madison has distinguished herself during law school by being selected for the Business Law Fellowship Program and by being recognized as a top competitor in negotiation. In addition to these honorifics, Madison's resume demonstrates that she is legitimately interested in and capable of doing the quotidian work of being a lawyer, part of which is simply learning the ropes in practice. Seeing the law from the perspective of a clerk in your chambers would be invaluable to her; having a hard working, motivated, skillful clerk, who is eager to learn by assisting you with your cases, would also be of invaluable service to you.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions.

Sincerely,

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*The*  
***University of Mississippi***

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June 12, 2023

The Honorable Scott W. Everett  
United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas  
Earle Cabell Federal Building  
1100 Commerce St., Rm 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242-1496

RE: Madison Gray, Applicant for Judicial Clerkship

Dear Judge Everett:

Madison Gray earned a fellowship through our Business Law Fellows Program at the University of Mississippi School of Law during her first year. She was placed with the General Counsel's office at Trustmark Bank during her 1L Summer.

As Co-Director of the BLF Program, I have gotten to know Ms. Gray. She assisted me in coordinating a CLE hosted by the Business Law Fellows Program for Law Alumni Weekend in March 2022. She worked with the attorneys, who are on the BLF Board of Directors, and two other Fellows to create the presentation on a variety of business law topics. Ms. Gray was meticulous, conscientious, and proactive in her approach. Her work was of the highest quality, and she demonstrated the ability to handle issues and a variety of personalities with a positive attitude.

I believe that Ms. Gray would be an asset to your office and would benefit from your tutelage. She is very bright and willing to learn new things. I recommend Ms. Gray for a Clerkship in the United States Bankruptcy Court in the Northern District of Texas. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (662) 915-7413.

Sincerely,

Marie Cope

Assistant Clinical Professor

**Applicant Details**

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Contact Phone Number	8647100778

**Applicant Education**

BA/BS From	Amherst College
Date of BA/BS	May 2020
JD/LLB From	Emory University School of Law <a href="https://law.emory.edu/index.html">https://law.emory.edu/index.html</a>
Date of JD/LLB	May 1, 2024
Class Rank	25%
Law Review/Journal	Yes
Journal(s)	Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal
Moot Court Experience	No

**Bar Admission****Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/ Externships	No
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	No

## Specialized Work Experience

## Recommenders

Zach, Sprouse  
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Marsh, Gary  
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Robert, Saudek  
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**This applicant has certified that all data entered in this profile and any application documents are true and correct.**

1258 Cumberland Road NE  
Atlanta, GA 30306

July 18, 2023

Honorable Scott W. Everett  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

I am a rising third-year student at Emory University School of Law, and I am writing to express my interest in a judicial clerkship following my graduation in 2024.

During the summer following my 1L year, I was selected to be a member on the Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal. This was my first exposure to bankruptcy law. Since then, I have earned the second-highest grade in my bankruptcy course, wrote a 45-page comment on tribal debtors, and accepted an externship with the United States Trustee. I can confidently say bankruptcy law is a field I am dedicated to, and am excited to learn more about as I pursue a career in bankruptcy after law school.

In addition to my bankruptcy-specific experience, I have spent two summers working in litigation-focused roles. Although completely different areas of law, both positions placed me in settings with a high volume of cases and delegated significant responsibility to me. Resultantly, I am well-acquainted with legal writing and research and have written countless motions, memoranda, and proposed orders in a fast-paced environment.

Thank you very much for considering my application. I have enclosed my application materials for your review, and I look forward to hearing from you about the possibility of arranging an interview. You can reach me at (864) 710-0778 or [hayden.hall@emory.edu](mailto:hayden.hall@emory.edu).

Respectfully,

*Hayden H. Hall*

Hayden H. Hall

## HAYDEN HALL

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hayden.hall@emory.edu | 864.710.0778

### EDUCATION

#### Emory University School of Law

Atlanta, GA

*Candidate for Juris Doctor*

May 2024

- Cumulative GPA: 3.603 (Cumulative Class Rank: Top 30%=3.562; Top 25%=3.604)
- Spring 2023 Semester GPA: 4.064 (Spring 2023 Semester Class Rank: 3/292)
- Activities: Managing Editor, Vol. 40, *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal*; Member, Emory Environmental Law Society; Candidate, Transactional Law Certificate Program
- Honors: Dean's List (Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

#### Amherst College

Amherst, MA

*Bachelor of Arts in Biology*

May 2020

- Activities: Club Soccer; Club Tennis
- Study Abroad: University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

### EXPERIENCE

#### Office of the U.S. Trustee, Region 21

Atlanta, GA

*Selected as a Fall Extern*

Expected August 2023 – November 2023

#### Savage, Turner, Pinckney, Savage, & Sprouse

Savannah, GA

*Law Clerk*

May 2023 – Present

- Responding to pleadings in civil suits of varying subject matters
- Drafting briefs, memoranda, complaints, and proposed orders pursuant to Local Rules
- Communicating with clients and potential clients to gather facts and assess claims
- Attending hearings, depositions, mediations, and trials

#### Fulton County Public Defender's Office

Atlanta, GA

*Intern*

May 2022 – July 2022

- Assisted in representation of indigent clients in misdemeanor cases
- Drafted voir dire questions and various motions, including motions for summary judgment, motions in limine, and motions to suppress
- Conducted caselaw research and evaluated police footage, text messages, and other types of evidence to write memoranda in preparation for trial

#### Amherst College Dining Hall

Amherst, MA

*Employee*

February 2018 – December 2018

- Washed and restocked dishes and utensils
- Delivered food from kitchen to buffet during large catered lunches and served appetizer trays at dinner events

#### The Tutoring Center

Clemson, SC

*Tutor*

November 2015 – July 2016

- Prepared high school students for standardized tests, such as the ACT and SAT, and tutored high school students in pre-calculus, geometry, and algebra
- Taught math, reading, and writing to young children with learning disabilities

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Enjoy pickleball, hiking, and watching college football

July 21, 2023

Honorable Scott W. Everett  
US Bankruptcy Court  
1100 Commerce Street  
Dallas TX 75242

RE: Hayden Hall  
Candidate, Class of 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to offer my strong recommendation of Hayden Hall. While I understand that Mr. Hall is a strong candidate for admission to Emory Law's Public Service & Judicial Clerkships program, I would like to mention that Hayden will be an extremely capable lawyer. He will serve the court and his clients extremely well.

I am a partner with the Savannah law firm of Savage, Turner, Pinckney, Savage & Sprouse. We employ and mentor a number of law school and undergraduate students every year. These students are given difficult and real-world assignments under strict deadlines. Student interns assist our attorneys with researching, interviewing clients and witnesses, gathering evidence and preparing for hearings, mediations, and trials, as well as preparing draft responses for various motions and pleadings.

Mr. Hall is a law clerk in our office this summer. He has worked closely with me and my team during his time here. He has assisted in drafting numerous responses and motions and has done extensive research on difficult topics. When we decided to hire Hayden for this summer, we were impressed not only with his strong academic record, but also by Hayden's previous experience at the Fulton County Public Defendant's Office. He was able to hit the ground running at our firm and he continues to deliver reliable work.

I've observed Mr. Hall to be extremely diligent and disciplined. Because he takes the time to dig deep and uncover facts, his legal research and analysis is excellent.

With his many strengths and desire to help people, I am certain Mr. Hall will be a very successful attorney. I highly recommend Hayden Hall for any clerkship he is interested in. Please feel free to contact me if I could be of further service.

Yours Very Truly,

*Zachary R. Sprouse*

Zachary R. Sprouse



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July 28, 2023

Dear Judge Everett:

I am writing this letter to give Hayden Hall the highest recommendation for a bankruptcy clerkship after graduation from Emory Law School.

I am a partner in Troutman Pepper's restructuring group and have practiced bankruptcy law for nearly 40 years. Additionally, I teach two bankruptcy courses as an adjunct professor at Emory Law School. Hayden was in my Bankruptcy class during the Fall semester of 2022. In this class, Hayden achieved the second-highest exam score in a class of nearly 100 people, the majority of whom were also on the Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal ("EBDJ"). After calling to congratulate him on this matter, we have kept in touch.

In addition to excelling in my bankruptcy course, Hayden is a member of EBDJ, the only student-run bankruptcy journal in the country. However, Hayden's bankruptcy experience does not stop here because he is externing with the U.S. Trustee this fall and plans to take my Complex Restructuring course in the Spring semester of 2024. Hayden's demonstrated interest, and success, in bankruptcy law makes him an ideal candidate for any bankruptcy clerkship.

As evidenced by his academic record, Hayden's abilities are not limited to bankruptcy law. He has excelled in many classes important for clerkships, including Complex Litigation, Evidence, and Business Associations. Not only am I confident in Hayden's ability to succeed as a bankruptcy clerk, but I am sure he will make an accomplished attorney. I look forward to all the success his legal career will hold.

I highly recommend Hayden for a bankruptcy clerkship. Please reach out with any questions you may have about Hayden.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary W. Marsh".

Gary W. Marsh

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July 21, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

I would like to give Hayden Hall the highest recommendation for a judicial clerkship after graduation from Emory Law School. Hayden was in my Contract Drafting class during the recently-concluded Spring semester of 2023. Hayden was an excellent student, one of the very top in the class, and received an A. He grasped the subject matter extremely well and demonstrated a real savvy about the transactions we dealt with. He was also an excellent contract drafter and uses legal terminology with real precision - I am confident that this drafting ability will extend to the judicial context as well. Hayden's academic achievement has been impressive, especially in the most recent semester when he ranked third in the Emory law school class of almost 300 – virtually the top 1%. While first year grades are important in securing summer jobs at law firms, I believe that excelling during the second year in law school – after you understand the “turf” - is most indicative of the law student's ability to perform as a lawyer after graduation. Hayden's performance in my class this semester was consistent with the excellence he demonstrated across all of his courses this semester. I highly recommend Hayden for a judicial clerkship. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have about Hayden.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Saudek,

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Date of BA/BS	May 2021
JD/LLB From	The University of Alabama School of Law
	<a href="http://www.law.ua.edu">http://www.law.ua.edu</a>
Date of JD/LLB	May 11, 2024
Class Rank	Below 50%
Law Review/Journal	Yes
Journal(s)	Law and Psychology Review
Moot Court Experience	Yes
Moot Court Name(s)	Campbell Moot Court Board Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Team

## Bar Admission

### **Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/ Externships	<b>Yes</b>
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### **Specialized Work Experience**

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June 05, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

I am a rising third-year law student at The University of Alabama School of Law, where I serve as the Lead Articles Editor for the *Law and Psychology Review* and a member of the Campbell Moot Court Board and Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Team. I am writing to apply for a 2024-2025 term clerkship in your chambers.

I was introduced to bankruptcy law by Judge Jennifer Henderson, Chief Judge for the Northern District of Alabama Bankruptcy Court in fall of 2022 through her bankruptcy law course. Judge Henderson's passion for bankruptcy was evident and contagious in each class. The practical implications and core principles of bankruptcy—for both individuals and businesses—quickly made it my favorite area of law. I was selected to my first-choice moot court team at the close of the 2L Alabama Law Moot Court Competition. This allows me to further my passion for bankruptcy law by competing on The University of Alabama Duberstein Moot Court Team in Miami and New York City in spring of 2024.

I also developed a passion for writing through law school and summer positions at litigation-focused firms. This passion led to me scoring more than ten points above median on my individual moot court brief in the 2L moot court competition. Additionally, I will serve as a judicial extern in the chambers of the Honorable L. Scott Coogler, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama this fall. I believe that my passion for bankruptcy and writing continues to prepare me to contribute meaningfully to your chambers.

My resume, undergraduate and law school transcripts, and writing sample are provided in my application, along with letters of recommendation from Professors Benjamin McMichael and Cameron Fogle and Mr. Jarrod Bazemore. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Parker Jennings

**PARKER JENNINGS**

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**EDUCATION**

**The University of Alabama School of Law**, Tuscaloosa, AL

*Juris Doctor Candidate*, May 2024

- GPA: 3.314
- Lead Articles Editor, *Law and Psychology Review*, Vol. 48
- Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Team
- Campbell Moot Court Board
- Full-Academic Scholarship

**University of Arkansas- Fort Smith**, Fort Smith, AR

*Bachelor of Business* in Business Marketing, English and Political Science Minors, May 2021

- First Bank Corporation College of Business Scholar
- Student Leadership Council, Officer
- Men's Golf Team, Two-year Captain
- Continuing Legal Education, Chair

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Hon. L. Scott Cooger, Northern District of Alabama**, Tuscaloosa, AL

Judicial Extern, Fall 2023

**Gaines Gault Hendrix**, Birmingham, AL

Summer Associate, Summer 2023

**Brown Sims**, Houston, TX

Summer Associate, Summer 2023

**Smith Spires & Peddy**, Birmingham, AL

Law Clerk, Summer 2022

- Provided research and drafting in the area of insurance defense litigation
- Drafted five briefs in support of motions for summary judgment
- Drafted memoranda and case summaries
- Researched legal issues and briefed attorneys in preparation for depositions

**Home Surety Title & Escrow**, Memphis, TN

Legal Intern, Summer 2022

- Provided legal research and support for real estate closing firm
- Oversaw the completion of more than 100 real estate transactions, including the preparation and execution of all necessary documents, coordinating the transfer of funds, and ensuring legal compliance.
- Worked closely with attorneys in office to clear title before closing

**INTERESTS**

Competing in amateur golf tournaments, watching Memphis basketball, and grilling

July 05, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

I enthusiastically recommend Parker Jennings for a clerkship in your chambers. I got to know Parker while he was a student in my torts class and later when he was a student in my insurance law and healthcare law classes. Having clerked myself, I understand the qualities that lead to success in the position, and Parker possesses all of those qualities in abundance.

His writing and analytical skills are outstanding. During his time in my torts class, I was impressed by his willingness to contribute to the complex class discussion. He demonstrated both a command of the material and a willingness to engage with difficult topics. On the examination in our torts class, Parker demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of the material. He marshalled this understanding through articulate and persuasive writing to score among the top half of the class.

Parker repeated his outstanding performance in my insurance law class. Again, he was always ready to contribute meaningfully to the class discussion and again demonstrated an understanding of the material beyond that of his classmates. His performance on the exam in insurance law similarly stood out from his peers, as he scored among the top students in the class. As with his torts examination, he clearly demonstrated a mastery of the material and an ability to analyze complex doctrines.

Again, in our healthcare law class, Parker acquitted himself admirably. I routinely warn students that healthcare law is one of the most difficult and complex classes that they can take in law school. Because of the volume of material we must cover and the complexity of that material, students are expected to teach themselves many of the background doctrines. Similarly, they must learn how to apply those background doctrines and the more complicated doctrines we cover in class to the Byzantine healthcare system. Parker's exam in healthcare law reflected his ability to absorb, organize, and synthesize voluminous materials in a short time.

While I have no doubt that Parker's ability to engage with arcane legal doctrines stems from his substantial intellectual ability, I believe his true strength may be his willingness to put forth any and all effort that may be required to understand and master a topic. It was a rare occasion that Parker did not have a thoughtful and detailed question on the material of the day in all the classes he took with me.

Beyond his academic ability, Parker consistently impressed me when engaged in group work. In our insurance and healthcare law classes, students were routinely expected to work with their colleagues to address hypothetical situations. Parker reliably showed an ability to both work well with others and take the lead in addressing complex problems when necessary. In addition to bearing all the markers of academic and professional success, Parker has been a joy to work with. His behavior in this respect is representative of his personality overall, as he is well-liked and well-respected among his peers and colleagues. I believe that you will also enjoy working with Parker and will be similarly impressed with both his work ethic and his work product. If I can answer any questions or provide any additional information to you as you consider candidates, I can be reached any time of day on my mobile phone at (478) 737-6363 or by email at [bmc michael@law.ua.edu](mailto:bmc michael@law.ua.edu).

Sincerely,

/s/ Ben McMichael

Benjamin J. McMichael

Benjamin McMichael - [bmc michael@law.ua.edu](mailto:bmc michael@law.ua.edu)

June 20, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

I write today to give my support for Parker Jennings's application to serve as your law clerk during the 2024-25 term. I was Parker's legal writing professor for both the fall and spring semesters of his first year. Parker made great progress in terms of his writing during my class. His legal research skills were excellent, and he brought a diligent and hard-working effort to all assignments.

In our legal writing program, students prepare several drafts of traditional office memoranda as well as an appellate brief. We meet individually with the students several times over the course of the year to discuss their work. These conferences provide me with insight into a student's personality and allow me to see how the student works in a one-on-one setting. Meeting with Parker was always enjoyable and productive. He was prepared and asked thoughtful questions. Most importantly, Parker worked well with constructive criticism. He viewed our conferences as opportunities to learn and grow as a writer, a view that is increasingly rare among law students. These qualities should foster a good working relationship in chambers.

Additionally, since his first year, Parker has focused on developing his writing skills. He is the Lead Articles Editor for the Alabama Law and Psychology Review and is a member of the Moot Court Board. The appellate brief that Parker prepared for the intra-school moot court competition scored very well, and the faculty selected Parker for the Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Team, one of the most prestigious moot court competitions. Although Parker was a very capable legal writer in his first year, he has shown considerable growth in this area.

After his first year of law school, Parker served as a judicial extern with the Honorable L. Scott Coogler, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. His combination of writing skills and clerkship experience should make him an immediate asset in chambers.

In addition to his academic success, Parker is a remarkably collegial person. This has earned him the respect of both his peers and the law school faculty. A clerkship in your chambers would be a rewarding professional experience for him, and I know that he would approach the opportunity with the same thoughtful intelligence that has garnered him so much success already. I hope you will give Parker's application serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Cameron W. Fogle

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June 5, 2023

Dear Your Honor:

My name is Jarrod Bazemore, and I am an insurance defense attorney who has practiced in the industry for the past 25 years. It is my honor to recommend Parker Jennings for a Federal clerkship with the Honorable Court. Parker is a rising third year law student at the University of Alabama School of Law where he is Lead Articles Editor for *Law and Phycology Review*. He also was named to the Campbell Moot Court Board and recently to the Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Team.

I had the pleasure of getting to know Parker when he clerked with our firm, Smith, Spires, Petty, Hamilton and Coleman, P.C. in Birmingham, AL during the summer of 2022. Parker closely assisted me that summer with some very complex cases which I was defending at that time. Over the course of the summer, Parker drafted 5 motions for summary judgment in my cases, and I was very impressed with his attention to detail and writing ability. I find it very uncommon for a law clerk to possess the writing ability of a seasoned attorney with a decade or more of experience, but Parker has that coveted ability. I also found that Parker's work ethic was beyond reproach as he regularly was among the first to arrive at the office and among the last to leave. Parker certainly has the ethical fiber and other intangibles which will make him an asset to our profession.

If I can answer any questions on Parker's behalf, please do not hesitate to contact me. Again, it gives me great pleasure to recommend Parker Jennings for the aforementioned position.

Sincerely,

*Jarrod Bazemore*

Jarrod B. Bazemore

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June 5, 2023  
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## Applicant Education

BA/BS From	Loyola University Chicago
Date of BA/BS	May 2020
JD/LLB From	University of Oregon School of Law
	<a href="http://www.law.uoregon.edu/">http://www.law.uoregon.edu/</a>
Date of JD/LLB	May 5, 2024
Class Rank	30%
Does the law school have a Law Review/Journal?	Yes
Law Review/Journal	No
Moot Court Experience	No

## Bar Admission

## Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/Externships	Yes
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	No

## Specialized Work Experience

Specialized Work Experience

**Bankruptcy**

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May 31, 2023

Judge Scott Everett  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
1254 Earle Cabell Federal Bldg,  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Hon. Everett:

I am a rising 3L at the University of Oregon School of Law, applying for a law clerk position at the Dallas, Texas Bankruptcy Court. My background is in business, majoring in finance and minoring in economics. I have focused on business law courses, including Bankruptcy, Business Bankruptcy, Secured Transactions, Advanced UCC, Accounting for Lawyers, Federal Income Tax I, and Tax Policy. By graduation, I will have completed Business Associations, Sales, Mergers and Acquisitions, Securities Regulations, and Federal Income Tax II. In fall 2023, I will clerk at the Portland Bankruptcy Court.

I took Bankruptcy in fall 2022 and enjoyed it so much that I enrolled in Business Bankruptcy. I earned the highest grade in that course. Prof. Andrea Coles-Bjerre, my Bankruptcy Professor, asked me to be her research assistant. In spring 2023, I researched business bankruptcy topics such as non-monetary defaults and materiality, cross-default clauses and substantial connectedness, and financial accommodations and incidentality. The concept of incidentality arises from the disallowance of assumption of loans and financial accommodations under 11 U.S.C. §§ 365(c)(2) (disallowing assumption of financial accommodation contracts) and (e)(2)(B) (allowing ipso facto provisions for financial accommodation contracts). Courts developed incidentality to address non-debtors whose contracts are neither purely financial accommodations nor assumable contracts. For example, a contract in which the non-debtor extends credit while also supplying goods. Each week, I wrote a memorandum for Prof. Coles-Bjerre with case illustrations of recent cases on these topics.

The law school recently awarded me the Lew and Ann Williams Business Law Fellowship. Under this fellowship, I have continued bankruptcy research for Prof. Coles-Bjerre. This summer, I am researching the meaning of adequate assurance under 11 U.S.C. §§ 365(b)(1) and (f)(2), specifically how it relates to nonmonetary defaults, materiality, UCC § 2-609 (adequate assurance), and state contract and property law. In the coming spring semester, I will work with Prof. Carl Bjerre to research Uniform Commercial Code topics involving novel issues regarding controllable electronic records, such as cryptocurrency.

While working at the Oregon Tax Court, I demonstrated my ability to research and analyze complex legal issues, including the interaction between federal and state tax law. One assignment involved a cannabis business and whether a marijuana producer could deduct an air conditioner expense on his Oregon taxes when he could not do so for federal taxes. This required analyzing Oregon statutes that allow deductions for cannabis businesses and require taxpayers to use the same accounting method as their federal taxes. After careful research, I concluded that Oregon's exemption would not allow the taxpayer to use different accounting methods for federal and Oregon tax purposes.

Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to review my credentials. I hope to discuss this opportunity in greater detail.

Sincerely,

  
Will LeRoux

Enclosures

## Will LeRoux

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### Education

**University of Oregon, School of Law** Eugene, OR  
*Juris Doctor* Expected May 2024  
**Focus:** Transactional, Tax & Bankruptcy Law  
**GPA/Rank:** 3.5/Top 25%  
**Loyola University Chicago, Quinlan School of Business** Chicago, IL  
*Bachelor of Business Administration* May 2020  
**Majors:** Finance, US/EU Business Administration  
**GPA:** 3.3

### Experience

**Moss Adams** Portland, OR  
*State and Local Tax Intern* June 2023 – Present  

- Research, analyze, and draft memoranda for clients on federal, state, and local tax issues and solutions.
- Research and summarize clients' eligibility for state and local credits and incentives.

**Professor Coles-Bjerre, University of Oregon Law School** Eugene, OR  
*Bankruptcy Research Assistant* January 2023 – Present  

- Research, analyze, and draft memoranda regarding bankruptcy case law and unsettled issues.
- Discuss with the professor current bankruptcy case law issues and possible implications.

**Oregon Tax Court** Salem, OR  
*Extern* May 2022 – August 2022  

- Researched analyzed, and drafted memoranda regarding tax law issues, often involving the interaction between federal, state, and local law.
- Drafted an opinion for a magistrate regarding equitable estoppel, home-rule, and state and local property taxes.

**Universidad de Loyola Andalucia/Quinlan School of Business** Chicago, IL  
*EU/US Double Degree Program Founder/Ambassador* September 2019 – May 2020  

- Provided immediate feedback to the director and administrators of the program.
- Built, sustained, and leveraged relationships with Spanish representatives in the EU Parliament and Commission in Brussels, Belgium, regarding issues facing the EU in March of 2018.
- Mentored incoming program participants from Spain and the U.S., providing guidance and sharing experiences.

**Morgan Stanley** Chicago, IL  
*Intern* September 2019 – December 2019  

- Explained complex financial products and services to clients in a clear persuasive manner and handled client requests as needed to ensure a positive customer experience.
- Collaborated with team members during business development initiatives to promote timely delivery of product material to potential clients.

### Core Competencies & Skills

Organization and group facilitation | Effective and clear writing skills | Effective team skills | Strong interpersonal communication skills | Planning skills | Self-initiative | Reliable and consistent teammate | Eagerness to learn | Detail-oriented | Critical thinking

### Interests

I grew up in Portland, Oregon. Since I was young my family and I spent time enjoying outdoor activities in the Northwest. I love to ride my bike to get around, spend time on the Oregon coast, ski, and watch the Portland Trail Blazers disappoint me every year.

## Applicant Details

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## Applicant Education

BA/BS From	<b>University of Puerto Rico</b>
Date of BA/BS	<b>June 2017</b>
JD/LLB From	<b>American University, Washington College of Law</b> <a href="http://www.nalplawschoolsonline.org/ndlsdir_search_results.asp?lscd=50901&amp;yr=2010">http://www.nalplawschoolsonline.org/ndlsdir_search_results.asp?lscd=50901&amp;yr=2010</a>
Date of JD/LLB	<b>May 17, 2020</b>
Class Rank	<b>33%</b>
Law Review/Journal	<b>Yes</b>
Journal(s)	<b>American University Business Law Review</b>
Moot Court Experience	<b>No</b>

### **Bar Admission**

Admission(s)      **New York, Texas**

### **Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial  
Internships/      **Yes**  
Externships  
Post-graduate  
Judicial Law      **No**  
Clerk

### **Specialized Work Experience**

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## CARLOS J. MICAMES MONTALVO

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The Honorable Judge Scott W. Everett  
US Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Texas

Dear Judge Everett,

I am a 2020 law graduate of American University Washington College of Law and financial associate with the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the “FOMB”) writing to express my interest in a federal clerkship with your chambers for the 2024-2025 term.

My interest in restructuring stems from my work with the FOMB since February 2021, where I have been able to attend omnibus hearings for the Title III restructurings of the Commonwealth, the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, and the Highway and Transportation Authority, as well as the Puerto Rico Public Finance Corporation’s Title VI qualifying modification. Moreover, growing up in Puerto Rico, I have been able to recognize the importance of bankruptcy for debtors, by providing them with a fresh start, as well as creditors, by granting them a higher return than what they would have received in a liquidation. In the case of Puerto Rico, most of my family were creditors that had invested a significant amount of their savings in the Commonwealth’s bonds. Without the benefits of the Title III restructuring and corresponding Plan of Adjustment, the financial impact could have been significantly greater.

Although I did not focus on bankruptcy in law school, I have acquired substantive experience and appreciation for bankruptcy law through my two years of experience with the FOMB and participation in the largest municipal bankruptcy in US history. I have attended various hearings, studied legal briefs, and analyzed Judge Swain’s historic decisions concerning the scope of liens for creditors in the HTA and PREPA Title III restructurings. To understand the relevant arguments put forth by each side and Judge Swain’s opinions, I committed myself to studying the bankruptcy code, taking online courses, and discussing these matters with members of the FOMB such as Professor David Skeel, Jaime El-Koury, and former Chief Judge Arthur Gonzalez.

It has been a pleasure to work with the FOMB team and participate in the largest debt restructuring in history. However, the opportunity to clerk under Judge Everett would be an invaluable experience. Since joining the FOMB, I have followed the fascinating restructurings that have been filed in the Northern District of Texas such as Highland Capital. Like Judge Everett, I would like to kickstart my career in bankruptcy law through a bankruptcy clerkship and it would be an honor to learn from his experience and passion in the field.

With the Northern District of Texas becoming such a popular jurisdiction for large oil and gas restructurings, it is the ideal area to analyze and draft opinions on complex legal issues. Further, it provides me with the opportunity to move to Texas, where I am licensed and seek to grow both professionally and personally. I have had the privilege of visiting the State multiple times through the Texas Minority Council Program, which I will also attend this year, and have always envisioned myself living there.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carlos J. Micames

## CARLOS J. MICAMES MONTALVO

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### EDUCATION

**American University Washington College of Law**, Washington, DC

*Juris Doctor*

May 2020

Honors: *Senior Staffer*, Business Law Review; *Assistant Competitions Director*, Transactional Law Society (1st Place at Warsaw Negotiation Round)

Activities: *Co-chair*, Hispanic Bar Association, Legislative and Public Policy Committee; *Director of Finance*, Student Bar Association; *Allied Attorney*, Alliance for Defending Freedom,

Publications: *The Riddle of PROMESA: Is the Puerto Rico Oversight Board a Federal or Territorial Entity?* (Harvard Latinx Law Review); *Socially Responsible Lawyering: How ESG is Shaking up the Role of the Corporate Lawyer* (Journal of Law, Business and Ethics); *The Impact of Municipal Green Bonds on Mitigating Climate Change* (ABA, Environment, Energy, and Resources); *Affirming Affirmative Action* (Williamette Social Justice and Equity Law Journal, Vol. 4)

**University of Puerto Rico**, Mayagüez, PR

*Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude*, Political Science; Economics

June 2017

### WORK EXPERIENCE

**Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico**, San Juan, PR

February 2021-Present

*Legal Associate*

- Attend the debt restructuring hearings for the Commonwealth and its instrumentalities
- Analyze contracts to ensure budgetary compliance and market competition
- Draft contract review letters approving or rejecting government contracts under 204(b) of PROMESA
- Perform legal research on procurement, FEMA guidelines, and the Title III bankruptcy process
- Receive whistleblower reports within government agencies and refer them to the applicable authorities
- Attend and lead meetings with government stakeholders, agencies, or related parties

**CIMA Financial Regulation Consultants LLC**, Weston, FL

October 2020-January 2021

*Law Clerk*

- Prepare risk assessments of potential offshore commercial transactions in Latin American countries
- Conduct due diligence of broker-dealer officers and directors in connection with offshore commercial transactions to ensure compliance with international and federal Anti-Money Laundering regulations
- Draft recommendations in English and Spanish on how to structure broker-dealer transactions in accordance with the applicable law in each country

**American University Washington College of Law**, Washington, DC

August 2019-May 2020

*Student Attorney, Community and Economic Development Clinic*

- Advise 501(c)(3) corporations on compliance with IRS regulations to maintain their tax-exempt status
- Draft loan documents for 501(c)(3) corporations compliant with UCC Article IX

**McConnell Valdés LLC**, San Juan, PR

June 2019-August 2019

*Summer Associate* (Corporate, Tax, and Litigation Departments)

- Analyze debt restructuring agreements for public agencies under the Bankruptcy Code
- Prepare a complex comparative assessment of legal and business ramifications of proposed tax overhaul regulation
- Advise corporate clients on compliance with Exchange Act reporting obligations

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas State Bar

April 2021

### SKILLS AND INTERESTS

**Skills:** Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint), Spanish (fluent), French (intermediate), Contributor to Puerto Rican newspaper *El Nuevo Día*

**Interests:** Varsity Tennis Player, Guitarist, Blogger at *Legonomics*, Author of *Silhouette Daydreams*, Author of *Getting to Match Point*, Certified NASM Nutritionist

Carlos Micames has been working with the Contract Review Office of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the “Oversight Board”) under my direction since February of 2020. His daily work involves constant writing and analytical skills. The Contract Review Office reviews and evaluates contracts with a value of \$10 million or more to be entered into by the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of the government of Puerto Rico or any covered instrumentality, in accordance with the Oversight Board’s contract review policy (the “Policy”). The Policy is established pursuant to Section 204(b)(2) of PROMESA to require prior Oversight Board approval of certain contracts to assure that they “promote market competition” and are “not inconsistent with the approved fiscal plan”.

Carlos was initially hired as a contract analyst and administrative assistant and was promoted to the position of legal associate in September of 2021, given his improvement in writing and analytical skills. The Contract Review Office has a considerable workload and we work with time sensitive issues. Carlos is responsible and dependable. He is very efficient and meets deadlines consistently.

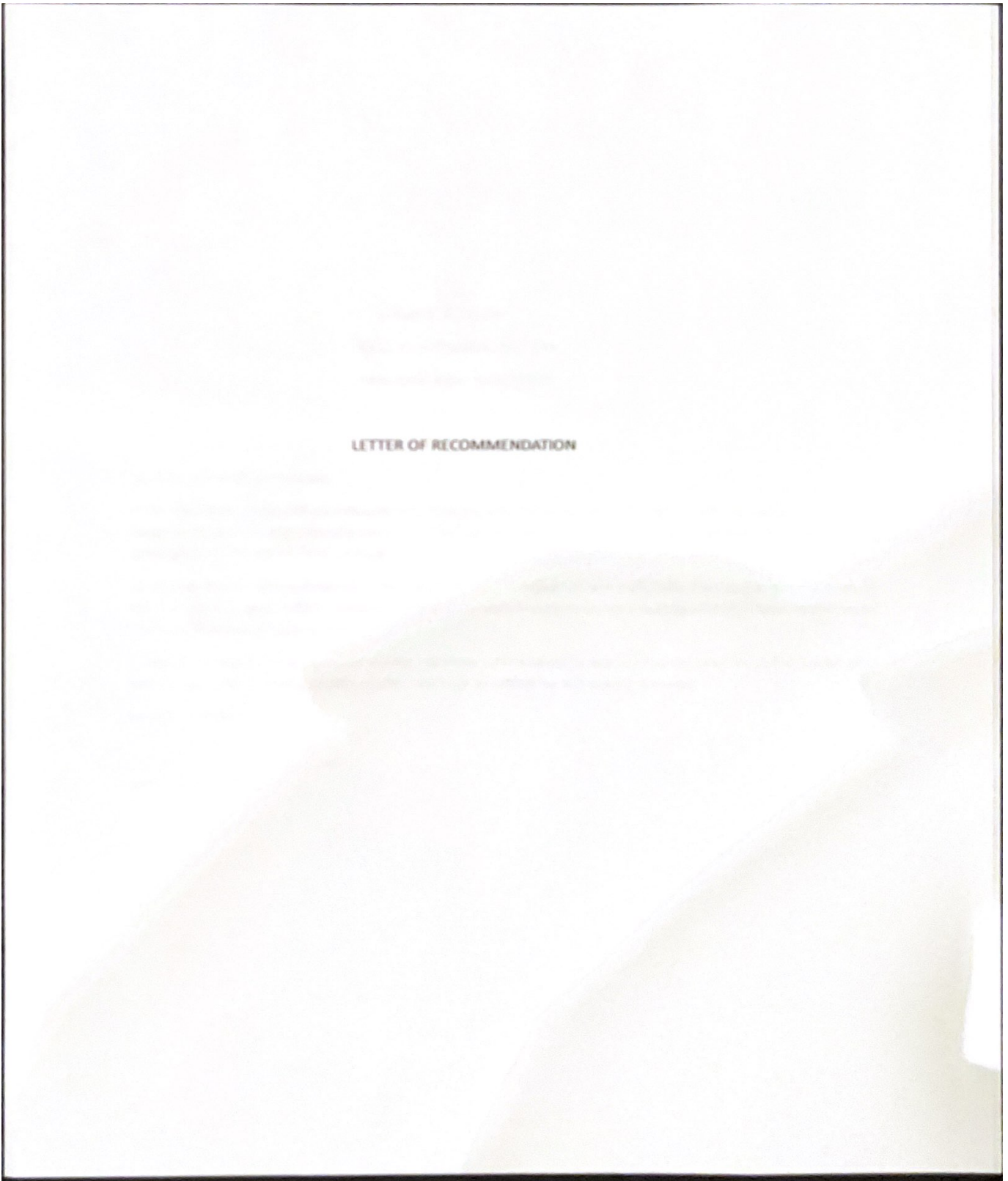
His job requires Carlos to work with other Oversight Board teams in the evaluation of proposed contracts’ compliance with the Fiscal Plan and Certified Budget. He has developed a good relationship with other teams and is a good team member. He has been working on the evaluation of more complex infrastructure contracts and is working more independently. He is discrete, as the job requires him to be, and takes constructive criticism and feedback well. He is curious and wants to continue to learn. He is especially interested in learning more about bankruptcy and restructuring.

Carlos has become a strong writer and his analytical skills continue to improve. I am proud of the work he is doing and the progress he has made during the past two years. I am sure that with supervision and mentoring he will continue to grow professionally. I wish Carlos the best in his future professional career.

Sincerely,

Camelia Montilla

Senior Counsel Contract Review Office  
Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico



Jaime A. El Koury  
1112 Park Avenue, Apt. 12A  
New York, New York 10128

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Carlos Micames, whom I have known for a number of years in my capacity since 2017 as the General Counsel of the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico.

Carlos has been a loyal, dedicated and hardworking member of our staff, fully devoted to the mission of the Oversight Board, which encompasses supervisory functions in connection with the fiscal activities of the Government of Puerto Rico.

Carlos is an intellectually curious young attorney who wishes to expand his experience in the bankruptcy field, a goal that is both commendable and one at which he will surely succeed.

Very truly yours,



Jaime A. El Koury

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## Applicant Education

BA/BS From **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**  
 Date of BA/BS **December 2019**  
 JD/LLB From **South Texas College of Law**  
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 Date of JD/LLB **May 13, 2023**  
 Class Rank **20%**  
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**  
 Journal(s) **CURRENTS: Journal of International Economic Law**  
 Moot Court Experience **No**

## Bar Admission

### **Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial  
Internships/      **Yes**  
Externships  
Post-graduate  
Judicial Law      **No**  
Clerk

### **Specialized Work Experience**

### **Professional Organization**

Organizations      **Phi Delta Phi, Garland R. Walker American Inn  
of Court, Houston Young Lawyers Association**

### **Recommenders**

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## MADELINE SCHMIDT

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June 13, 2023

The Honorable Judge Scott W. Everett  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
1100 Commerce Street, 14th Floor, Courtroom #3  
Dallas, Texas 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

My name is Madeline Schmidt, and I graduated cum laude from South Texas College of Law Houston in May of this year. I am writing to express my interest in a clerkship in your chambers for the 2024 to 2025 term. I was drawn to apply because of my strong interest in pursuing a career in bankruptcy law.

My decision to attend law school and become an attorney was inspired by an admiration for my father's career as an attorney and federal bankruptcy judge in the Southern District of Texas. He ingrained in me a love not only for the law but also for serving my community. From a young age, my father saw potential in me to follow in his footsteps, and his confidence in me has been a driving force throughout my life.

While in law school, I took numerous courses which would be applicable to a career as a bankruptcy attorney, including Secured Transactions, Corporations, Agency & Partnership, and Federal Income Tax. Additionally, as a member of CURRENTS: Journal of International Economic Law, I gained significant experience with collaborative and detail-oriented work and refined my research, writing, and analytical abilities. I was also awarded two CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Torts II and Legislation for earning the highest grade in the class.

During my first summer, I was fortunate to intern in the bankruptcy and restructuring division of Thompson & Knight (now Holland & Knight) in their Houston, Texas office. During this internship, I confirmed my interest in pursuing a career as a bankruptcy attorney. During my second summer, I worked at a defense litigation firm, where I assisted attorneys with every stage of the litigation process including discovery, depositions, pre-trial motions, voir dire, and trial. I also participated in a study abroad program at the University of Greenwich in London, England. During this course, we simulated advising entrepreneurs on business, legal, and cross-cultural issues as they launched their international business opportunity. The skills I have gained during my three years at South Texas College of Law Houston, along with the experience acquired through my internships and study abroad course, make me a qualified candidate for a clerkship in your court.

Clerking in your chambers would provide an invaluable opportunity to strengthen my knowledge of bankruptcy law by learning from your mentorship. I believe I could make a substantial contribution to your chambers if offered the opportunity. Thank you in advance for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Madeline Schmidt



## MADELINE SCHMIDT

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*Sitting for the Texas Bar Exam, July 2023*

### EDUCATION

**South Texas College of Law Houston**, Houston, Texas May 2023

*Juris Doctor, cum laude*

**GPA:** 3.552 **Rank:** Top 20%

**Awards:** CALI Award (highest grade in class): Torts II, Legislation  
Dean's List: Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023

**Journal:** CURRENTS: Journal of International Economic Law, Harry Reed Institute for Oil & Gas Energy Newsletter

**Organizations:** Garland R. Walker American Inn of Court, Oil and Gas Law Society (Event Coordinator), American Bankruptcy Institute, ACLU @ STCL, Women's Law Society, Tax Law Society, Houston Young Lawyers Association

**Mitchell Hamline School of Law & University of Greenwich School of Law, London, UK** Summer 2022

*Study Abroad Program*, Comparative International Business Transactions: Doing Deals Across the World

**Texas A&M University Corpus Christi**, Corpus Christi, Texas December 2019

*Bachelor of Arts in University Studies*

**Emphasis:** Communication, Marketing, & Writing

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Walters, Balido, & Crain**, Houston, Texas Summer 2022

*Summer Associate*

- Researched and drafted legal memoranda on negligent entrustment, premise liability, wrongful death, and damages
- Participated in drafting written discovery responses and consulted with managing partner to evaluate discovery objections
- Attended courtroom proceedings for civil cases, including motion hearings, jury selection, jury and trials, and jury charge

**U.S. District Judge David Hittner, Southern District of Texas**, Houston, Texas Spring 2022

*Judicial Intern*

- Analyzed legal issues and reviewed motions, pleadings, and memoranda on civil and criminal cases
- Drafted order on a § 2255 Motion on federal custody and orally presented to court clerks for approval by Judge Hittner
- Discussed evidentiary rulings and trial tactics with Judge Hittner
- Observed civil and criminal cases, including motion hearings, jury selection, jury and bench trials, and jury charge conferences

**U.S. District Judge Andrew S. Hanen, Southern District of Texas**, Houston, Texas Summer 2021

*Judicial Intern*

- Proofread and cite checked court opinions to ensure the accuracy and quality of court documents
- Drafted court opinions on a variety of legal issues including pre-trial release, contract disputes, federal jurisdiction, summary judgment, and standing
- Examined legal briefs, evaluated arguments, and identified each case's key legal questions
- Observed courtroom proceedings on both civil and criminal matters before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

**Thompson & Knight LLP (now Holland & Knight)**, Houston, Texas Summer 2021

*Bankruptcy Intern*

- Researched and drafted legal memoranda on claim objection and classification, attorney-as-witness, and other issues arising out of Chapter 11 proceedings for the legal team in the Bankruptcy and Restructuring division
- Participated as a witness at Trial Academy and aided in witness preparation by reviewing trial strategy and reviewing anticipated questions

**Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra**, Corpus Christi, Texas August 2016 – July 2020

*Director of Development & Marketing*

**Sterling Personnel, Inc./Sterling HR**, Corpus Christi, Texas March 2014 – August 2016

*Marketing Communication Manager*

**The Bend Coastal Life Magazine**, Corpus Christi, Texas August 2015 – March 2016

*Art & Entertainment Editor*



October 5, 2022

Your Honor:

It is my pleasure to provide this letter of recommendation on behalf of Madeline Schmidt for a clerkship in your chambers. I am a Professor of Law at South Texas College of Law Houston, and I got to know Madeline during my Spring 2022 Mediation Theory & Practice class. I was extremely impressed with her oral and written advocacy skills, and I am confident she will make an exceptional attorney and clerk.

Madeline stood out almost immediately in my class as an articulate, professional, mature, and eager participant. She was repeatedly the student who I could count on to participate in class discussion and ask challenging questions. The students in my class are required to prepare thoroughly for five, three-hour intensive mediations of pending lawsuits using only the actual court documents. She was impressively prepared each time. Madeline also received near perfect marks on her written work product in the course, which included two pre-mediation memoranda and a reflective critique, confirming what her class participation had already evidenced.

Ms. Schmidt has excelled in law school. She is in the top third of her class, she received an A in both Legal Research and Writing I and II, and she achieved the highest grade in her Torts II class. She is passionate about writing as can be evidenced by her participation on the South Texas College of Law Houston *Currents Journal of International Economic Law*.

I give my full recommendation to Madeline since I trust in her ability to be an outstanding judicial clerk. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach me at [dberman@stcl.edu](mailto:dberman@stcl.edu).

Sincerely,

*Debra Berman*

Debra Berman

Professor of Law  
Director, Frank Evans Center for Conflict Resolution



April 20, 2023

Re: Madeleine Schmidt—clerkship position application

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Madeleine Schmidt for a judicial clerkship, a task I do with enthusiasm. Madeleine has successfully completed my Civil Procedure I, Torts II, and Professional Responsibility classes, and did well in all of them receiving a CALI award in Torts II because she demonstrated one of the highest scores in that course. As such, I have had ample opportunities to observe Madeleine in the classroom as well as to review her work.

Madeleine regularly participated in class discussions and demonstrated her ability to research and analyze legal authorities with clarity and precision. In sum, she is a hardworking, diligent, and truly capable individual. In addition, Madeleine gained substantial experience during law school as she worked at reputable law firms and was an intern for two different judges in the Southern District of Texas.

I believe any judge would benefit from Madeleine's talents and dedicated assistance and hope you will give her candidacy a serious consideration.

Should you have any questions about Madeleine's qualifications, please feel free to contact me at (713) 646-2940 or via email at [klewinbuk@stcl.edu](mailto:klewinbuk@stcl.edu).

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Katerina P. Lewinbuk'.

Katerina P. Lewinbuk  
Professor of Law

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## Applicant Details

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## Applicant Education

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 JD/LLB From **University of Illinois, College of Law**  
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 Date of JD/LLB **May 9, 2024**  
 Class Rank **I am not ranked**  
 Does the law school have a Law Review/Journal? **Yes**  
 Law Review/Journal **No**  
 Moot Court Experience **No**

## Bar Admission

### **Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/Externships	<b>Yes</b>
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	<b>No</b>

### **Specialized Work Experience**

### **Professional Organization**

Organizations	<b>Bankruptcy Law Society, Jewish Law Students Association, Turnaround Management Association, American Bankruptcy Institute.</b>
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### **Recommenders**

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Lawless, Robert  
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**This applicant has certified that all data entered in this profile and any application documents are true and correct.**

## Matt A. Schwartz

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June 22, 2023

The Honorable Judge Scott W. Everett  
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1421  
Dallas, TX 75242-1496

Dear Judge Everett:

I am writing to apply for a clerkship in your chambers for the 2024-2025 term. I am a rising third-year law student at the University of Illinois College of Law. This spring, I externed with Judge Deborah Thorne of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, which inspired my interest in clerking. A clerkship for you offers an unparalleled opportunity due to your efforts to improve the field. Your efforts are highlighted by the FBA Young Lawyers in Court Initiative in which you promote an efficient bankruptcy system through strong practicing attorneys. I am confident that my bankruptcy experience and strong legal research and writing skills would make an immediate asset to your chambers and docket.

First, my coursework has heightened my interest and understanding of bankruptcy law. I have gained a strong foundation of the practice from my *Bankruptcy* course that covered case dismissal and conversion, property of the estate, the automatic stay, relief from stay and adequate protection, executory contracts and leases, trustee's strong-arm powers, and preferential transfers. Last semester, the *Bankruptcy Seminar* featured discussing current trends in bankruptcy law with judges, trustees, or other professionals. Topics included mass-tort bankruptcies, non-debtor releases, restructuring support agreements, and Subchapter V cases. In addition to taking bankruptcy-related coursework, I sought out opportunities to learn about bankruptcy in practical settings. At the Bankruptcy Court, I attended each Chapter 7, 11, and 13 call and discussed the procedures and decision-making process with the judge.

Second, I have strong legal research and writing skills. I received an A- in Legal Research and continue to seek out opportunities to improve. My skills strengthened as a Law Clerk for the City of Chicago where I analyzed and drafted contract terms to protect the City from liability. I incorporated the feedback I received to improve my writing on each memorandum. To further improve my research and writing, I took *Judicial Opinion Writing*. The professor has over 18 years of clerking for the Illinois Supreme Court and taught the importance of adapting writing styles to the judge or justice. As part of the course, I prepared a bench memorandum and a judicial opinion on a case currently pending before the Illinois Supreme Court. I reviewed the lower court's decision, read the briefs submitted by the parties, heard oral arguments, and conducted external research for all writing. Separately, as a judicial extern in the bankruptcy court, I researched extensively 11 U.S.C. §§ 523(a)(2) and 542, issue preclusion doctrines, and jurisdictional questions. The research was used to provide legal writing for the judge to guide her decisions, including a bench memorandum and an opinion.

I have included for your review my resume, transcript, and an unpublished opinion written for Judge Thorne as my writing sample. I have also included recommendation letters from Professor Janice Pea and Professor Robert Lawless. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Matt Schwartz

# Matt A. Schwartz

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## EDUCATION

### **University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL**

*Juris Doctor*, GPA: 3.24 / 4.00 (cum laude: 3.25+)

Anticipated May 2024

- University of Illinois Journal of Law, Technology & Policy – Member
- Law 692: Legal Externships – Teaching Assistant
- ECE/Philosophy 316: Ethics and Engineering – Course Aide
- Bankruptcy Law Society – Duberstein Moot Court Advisory Board
- Jewish Law Students Association – Vice President
- Turnaround Management Association – Member
- American Bankruptcy Institute – Member

Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

### **Michigan State University, James Madison College of Public Affairs, East Lansing, MI**

*Bachelor of Arts, Social Relations and Policy; Minor in Global Studies*, GPA: 3.54 / 4.00

May 2020

- Dean's List: 4 out of 6 semesters
- Study Abroad: International Study Programs of Corvinus University of Budapest

Spring 2019

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Goldstein & McClintock, Chicago IL**

*Law Clerk (Bankruptcy & Restructuring)*

August 2023 – December 2023

### **United States Trustee Program of the Department of Justice, Chicago IL**

*Summer Legal Intern*

June 2023 – August 2023

- Wrote complaints to dismiss debtors' discharge pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 727 concerning PPP Loans
- Wrote motions with proposed orders to object to debtor's discharge pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 727(a)(8) and for counsel to return fees received or to examine fees paid pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(b)
- Analyzed and wrote research memorandum on Subchapter V issues, including administrative expenses for lease assumptions, trustee retainers, and removal of the Debtor-In-Possession from a non-operational entity
- Researched substantive issues such as: whether case conversion was proper with only speculative assets from pending lawsuits; the question of fact versus communication for attorney-client privilege; and how case law defines "atypical" conduct by Debtor in order to deny a chapter 7 conversion

### **United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago IL**

*Judicial Extern for the Honorable Deborah L. Thorne*

January 2023 – May 2023

- Drafted an Opinion Memorandum to deny a Motion to Dismiss
- Wrote a research memorandum on whether res judicata or collateral estoppel apply to a prior arbitration award for purposes of fraud defined under 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2)
- Researched and wrote a bench memorandum on Debtor's Motion for Turnover Order under 11 U.S.C. § 543

### **City of Chicago Department of Law, Chicago, IL**

*Aviation, Environmental, Regulatory and Contracts Division Law Clerk*

June 2022 – August 2022

- Revised a \$100 million Revolving Credit Line Agreement and addressed concerns with defined terms
- Reviewed and analyzed a \$5.7 million-dollar contract to determine how to transition away from supplier
- Drafted a template Memorandum of Understanding for mutual image sharing of surveillance cameras
- Researched various laws such as: Illinois Prevailing Wage Act; Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act; Privacy Law for financial transactions; and the American with Disabilities Act

### **Lululemon Athletica Inc., Birmingham, MI**

*Part-Time Educator*

October 2020 – August 2021

### **Lefkowitz Law Group, Southfield, MI**

*Legal Assistant (Consumer Bankruptcy)*

May 2019 – August 2019

## INTERESTS

- Culinary arts; golf; running; snowboarding; soccer; sudoku; and travelling

University of Illinois College of Law  
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June 22, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

It is my privilege to recommend Matthew Schwartz for a clerkship in your chambers. As a second-year law student, Matthew is presently enrolled in my seminar in Judicial Opinion Writing, which is designed to prepare law students for the responsibilities of a judicial clerkship and to allow them to produce work product that reflects their clerkship potential. His performance has been outstanding.

Over the course of the semester, Matthew and his peers worked on cases that are pending before the Illinois Supreme Court. He chose to work on the case of MB Financial Bank, N.A., v. Brophy, which involves the plaintiff's claim for a refund of property taxes paid during the several years that the subject property was subject to a condemnation proceeding brought by the city. The plaintiff unsuccessfully opposed the taking, but it paid the billed amount of property taxes during the twelve-years of litigation without making the tax payments under protest, implicating the voluntary payment doctrine. The threshold issue is one of statutory interpretation, specifically the meaning of "overpayment," complicated by a history of Illinois Supreme Court decisions that seem to lead to inconsistent results.

The case Matthew chose might have been intimidating to a student writing his first bench memo, especially since property tax is not a topic familiar to law students. Matthew embraced this challenge and produced a thorough and well-organized bench memo that clearly identified the issues on appeal, accurately summarized the arguments of the parties, and suggested questions that might be asked at oral argument.

He was able to view video of the actual oral argument, which was posted on the court's website. Thereafter, he drafted an opinion in the case. His first draft was excellent. Indeed, I found little to comment on as far as the legal analysis is concerned. His final work product was of the quality I would expect of a working judicial law clerk.

The court has not yet issued its opinion in this case, so it will be interesting to see whether a majority agrees with Matthew's conclusion that the plaintiff should be allowed to pursue its claim for a refund. That said, his goal was not to predict the result the court will reach, but rather to produce a draft opinion that the fictional justice for whom he was clerking would be proud to circulate to the other members of the court. He achieved this goal.

Matthew also has excellent legal research skills. Each student was asked to select a case in which a concurrence or dissent has proven to be influential and to present that case to the class. Matthew presented *Minersville School District v. Gobitis* (U.S. 1940), in which Justice Harlan Stone dissented. Matthew explained the significance of the dissent and traced its impact on First Amendment jurisprudence, culminating in the case being overruled in 1943 in *West Virginia Board of Education v. Barnette*.

The class also had lengthy discussions about dicta, and about how different judges have differing opinions about its use. His research located a case in which a later court adopted the dicta in an earlier case as its holding. We discussed the use of cultural and literary reference in judicial opinions. Matthew chose to present several cases invoking the Old and New Testaments, leading to an active discussion of the appropriateness of citing religious texts.

The working environment of a judge's chambers requires not only writing and research skills, but also a personality and temperament that is suited to collaboration. So that I could assess each student's openness to constructive criticism, I met with each one individually to provide feedback on their bench memo and draft opinion.

Matthew graciously and gratefully accepts constructive criticism. At the same time, he can calmly and clearly explain his legal reasoning and his authorial choices. I am confident that he will be properly deferential to the judge, while engaging in the type of dialog that produces well-reasoned and well-written opinions.

Further, so that I could assess the students' ability to productively offer constructive criticism, each student edited another student's draft opinion. When he was asked to review the draft opinion of one of his peers, Matthew provided useful feedback and commentary in a professional and supportive manner. He will work collaboratively with his co-clerks, to the benefit of both.

My assessment of Matthew Schwartz's suitability as a judicial law clerk is based on my twenty years' experience as a law clerk for Justice Rita B. Garman (two years on the appellate court and eighteen years on the Illinois Supreme Court) as her senior law clerk. I trained junior law clerks and worked with other clerks for two decades. I would have been pleased to have Matthew as my colleague and would be willing to recommend him to Justice Garman's successor on the court. However, his interest in bankruptcy leads him to pursue a clerkship elsewhere.

Janice Pea - j-pea@law.uiuc.edu - 217-431-8928



I hope that you will take the time to meet this promising young man. Matthew will be a fine attorney, and I offer my strongest recommendation for him as a judicial law clerk.

Very truly yours,

Janice Farrell Pea  
Lecturer in Law

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June 22, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
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1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

This letter is written in support of Matt Schwartz's application to be a judicial clerk in your chambers. Matt was my student this past semester in both Secured Transactions and Bankruptcy Seminar. Before he took my courses, I came to know Matt because he reached out to me to talk about careers in bankruptcy law. Since then, we have talked many times about his interests and work.

Matt has a strong aptitude for bankruptcy and commercial law. Frankly, he "punches above his weight" in those courses as compared to the rest of the law-school curriculum. He got an "A" in Secured Transactions and an "A-" in Bankruptcy Seminar. In the latter course, he would have sat through visits from leading practitioners and judges who discussed everything from restructuring support agreements to nondebtor releases to the work of a chapter 13 trustee. Matt has taken the Bankruptcy course from my colleague, Ralph Brubaker, and has told me he intends to take Professor Brubaker's Bankruptcy Reorganizations course next year. Matt's coursework prepares him as well for a bankruptcy clerkship as most any student in the country.

Moreover, as you will see from his resume, Matt externed for Judge Thorne in Chicago and is currently doing an internship with the U.S. Trustee Program. He is a student member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and Turnaround Management Association. Matt sometimes comes up to me in the hallway to talk about recent developments. "Did you see Rochelle's column this morning" is something I do not often hear from a law student. His broad experience, even at such an early career stage, will make him adept at all the sorts of cases that might come into a bankruptcy court: large corporate restructurings, small-business cases, and individual cases.

At the law school, Matt has been heavily involved both with our Bankruptcy Law Society (BLS) and the ABI's Duberstein Moot Court Competition. Both of those activities say a lot about his work ethic and interest. The BLS is an entirely student-run organization, holding various events to help students connect with bankruptcy lawyers and learn about careers in the field. As to Duberstein, our school has not traditionally awarded academic credit for it (a practice, I am happy to report, that is coming to an end). Students who participate must have a passion for the field as well as a willingness to work for the sake of learning.

At a personal level, Matt is one of the happiest, most pleasant, and most respectful students I have. It is great to have him in the classroom. His participation in class is thoughtful and excellent. He is willing to jump into the fray but also to listen to others and reconsider his own views when appropriate. Matt's enthusiasm for the subject is infectious. He would be an excellent addition to the small-office environment of a judicial chambers. When he leaves, he will become an expert in our specialty that you will be proud to have associated with you.

You undoubtedly receive applications from many strong candidates, and I hope this letter is some help in making a decision. Because of our many offerings in the area, we usually have a number of students interested in bankruptcy clerkships, and I would rate Matt among our strongest candidates. If you would like more information about Matt, feel welcome to call me at 217-244-6714 or [rlawless@illinois.edu](mailto:rlawless@illinois.edu).

Sincerely,

Robert M. Lawless  
Max L. Rowe Professor of Law

Robert Lawless - [rlawless@illinois.edu](mailto:rlawless@illinois.edu)

## Applicant Details

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## Applicant Education

BA/BS From **University of Texas-Austin**  
 Date of BA/BS **May 2021**  
 JD/LLB From **The University of Chicago Law School**  
<https://www.law.uchicago.edu/>  
 Date of JD/LLB **June 1, 2024**  
 Class Rank **School does not rank**  
 Does the law school have a Law Review/Journal? **Yes**  
 Law Review/Journal **No**  
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**  
 Moot Court Name(s) **Ames Moot Court Competition**  
**ABA Diversity Moot Court**

## Bar Admission

### **Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/Externships	<b>Yes</b>
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	<b>No</b>

### **Specialized Work Experience**

### **Recommenders**

Casey, Anthony  
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**This applicant has certified that all data entered in this profile and any application documents are true and correct.**

## Juliana Steward

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The Honorable Bankruptcy Judge Scott W. Everett  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas  
1100 Commerce Street  
Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett,

I am a second-year law student at the University of Chicago Law School, applying for a clerkship in your chambers for the 2024 term. Raised and educated in Texas, I would love to return home following law school. Starting a family is essential to me, and with my partner in Dallas, your Court is ideally situated for my future goals. Centered around community service, my ambition is continuing to give back as your clerk. Clerking is an excellent opportunity to showcase and strengthen my adeptness with small teams.

As eldest of four sisters, I learned an early obligation to undertake responsibilities and manage crises. Now as a student leader to several organizations, time management and people skills are a must. Balancing student concerns while working with school administration is routine, and I focus my efforts on finding the right solution for all. Diligent work ethic is core to my big sister persona, and I look out for everyone on my team. My experience at the Federal Criminal Justice Clinic has been very client-forward, allowing me to interact with incarcerated and released individuals. My professional goal is litigating bankruptcy cases. Serving as your clerk would be the perfect complement to my legal education.

A resume, law transcript, undergraduate transcript, and writing sample are enclosed. Letters of recommendation from Professor Emily Buss, Professor Erica Zunkel, and Professor Anthony Casey, Dean Deputy, will arrive under separate cover. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to let me know. I hope to hear from you and thank you tremendously for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Juliana Steward

Juliana Steward  
Enclosures

**Reference Sheet**

- Professor Anthony Casey, Dean Deputy
  - [ajcasey@uchicago.edu](mailto:ajcasey@uchicago.edu)
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### EDUCATION

#### The University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

Juris Doctor, expected June 2024

- *Leadership*: Texas Law Society, Co-President; Latinx Law Association, Vice President; Intellectual Property Law Association, Vice President
- *Activities*: Federal Criminal Justice Clinic, Ames Moot Court Competition, ABA First Amendment and Media Law Diversity Moot Court Competition, Student Admissions Committee
- *Community Service*: Lawyers in the Classroom, Prison Letter Writing, Moot Court judging

#### The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Rhetoric & Writing, Highest Honors, May 2021 GPA: 3.99

- *Activities*: St. Thomas Moot Court Regional Quarter Finalist; Texas Undergraduate Moot Court Regional 5th Place Speaker; Texas Moot Court, Director of Communications and Programming
- *Community Service*: Students Expanding Austin Literacy; Texas Lassos 501(c), Class President

### EXPERIENCE

#### Goodwin Proctor, Los Angeles, CA

2L Litigation Summer Associate, May 2023 – July 2023

- Supported attorneys with legal research on patent infringement claims and violated protective order
- Drafted facts section and contractual analysis for petitioner's brief on unjust executive termination
- Compiled thorough procedural history for a pro bono domestic violence restraining order case

#### Federal Criminal Justice Clinic, Chicago, IL

Compassionate Release Team Member, September 2022 – Present

- Researched 3553(a) resentencing factors for compassionate release stash house sting litigation
- Engaged with clients and managed relations while gathering essential information for reports

#### The Honorable Judge John F. Kness, Chicago, Illinois

Judicial Intern, June 2022 – July 2022

- Conducted extensive legal and policy research into specific regulatory areas relevant to case
- Summarized key information from extensive records into cohesive reports for law clerks

#### Property Works of Central Texas, Manchaca, Texas

Administrative Assistant, February 2021 – May 2021

- Researched legal questions and recommended action plans for issues such as liens filings
- Organized bookkeeping records and conducted data entry for multiple years in QuickBooks

#### Sanger Learning Center, Austin, Texas

Lead Peer Academic Coach, September 2018 – January 2021

- Updated publicity strategy by majorly revising and executing campus distribution systems
- Trained new coaches weekly in strategies to improve communication skills and produce results

#### Scott Douglass & McConnico Law Firm, Austin, Texas

Runner, January 2020 – March 2020

- Completed urgent business errands and tasks to ensure timely execution of various effects
- Performed opening and closing duties, such as taking inventories and cleaning attorney offices

**Professor Anthony J. Casey**  
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July 14, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Dear Judge Everett:

I write to recommend Juliana Steward for a clerkship in your chambers. Juliana is a superb law student with an excellent grasp of the practicalities involved in real world litigation. Juliana was a student in my Business Organizations and Bankruptcy classes. Her in-class participation in both classes was excellent. She was a confident and active participant in the discussions and always quick to recognize what was at stake in the complex cases we read.

I also came to know Juliana through her work as my research assistant. In the spring of her second year, she started as my research assistant and has been working on several bankruptcy and business organizations projects. Her work has been tremendously valuable. When she becomes a clerk, I am sure that Juliana will surpass expectations and impress with her ability to root out the relevant problems and solutions for any issue.

Equally impressive is Juliana's excitement for the law. She really enjoys understanding legal problems and how they affect people's lives. She plainly loves both research and writing.

Separately, it is worth noting that Juliana has a great demeanor and a great sense of humor. She is an outgoing conversationalist who communicates in a no-nonsense way. You always know where she stands on something and she has a knack for asking probing and interesting questions that enliven every conversation.

I trust that after clerking Juliana will be a great lawyer whom clients trust both because she does great work and because she makes them feel at ease. She will be an outstanding law clerk.

I recommend her with the highest praise. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions.

Very truly yours,  
Anthony J. Casey

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June 09, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

Re: Clerkship application of Juliana Steward

Dear Judge Everett:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to write in support of Juliana Steward's application for a clerkship in your chambers. Juliana is a beacon of energy and kindness at the Law School. She is committed to bringing her "older sister skills" and compassion to all the work she does at the law school, and we are all well served when she turns her attention to our common concerns.

I have taught Juliana in two classes, Civil Procedure in the fall of her first year and the constitutional rights of parents and children (Con Law VII) this past spring. In both, her enthusiasm for and interest in the material was infectious. Juliana threw herself into the study of law from the beginning and I was happy to see that this curious and engaged approach was still alive and well at the end of her second year. In Con Law VII, Juliana's class comments made clear that she had read the material with care and was ready to learn, but also to challenge, when she found the courts' analysis unconvincing or troubling.

Juliana has contributed an enormous amount to the law school as a leader of student organizations, including the Latinx Law Association and the Intellectual Property Law Association, and as a volunteer engaged in a range of pro bono projects. Most important, she has contributed a great deal, learned a tremendous amount, and served our clients well, as a participant in our superb Federal Criminal Justice Clinic.

Juliana is also a committed Texan. She grew up in Houston and attended college in Austin, and she plans to return there to pursue her legal career. As a self-identified progressive who grew up in a conservative Christian home, she can readily see the different sides of many issues, and she sees herself as a problem solver who can establish credibility across the political spectrum. Juliana has political ambitions, and this seems like an excellent fit. Even in class, she is quick to link her study of legal issues to people's experience in the world, contributing empathy to her thoughtful consideration of the law.

I have been so grateful to have Juliana's thoughtful and positive presence in my classes, and I know she would bring the same wonderful qualities to her work as a clerk. Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can do anything else to assist your consideration of Juliana's application by contacting me at ebussdos@uchicago.edu or (312)493-8949.

Sincerely,

Emily Buss  
Mark & Barbara Fried Professor of Law

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June 09, 2023

The Honorable Scott Everett  
Earle Cabell Federal Building and  
United States Courthouse  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254  
Dallas, TX 75242

*Re: Clerkship Recommendation for Juliana Steward*

Dear Judge Everett:

I recommend Juliana Steward for a clerkship in your chambers. Juliana has a true gift for working with people and her research and writing skills have strengthened significantly over the course of the past year. Juliana is also a joy to work with, exhibiting a warm and collegial personality that lifts everyone on the team.

This year, I had the privilege of working closely with Juliana in my Federal Criminal Justice Clinic, the country's first law clinic specializing in representing indigent clients charged with federal felony offenses. Because of the intense demands of my Clinic's cases, we have a preference for third-year students who have more time in their schedules and who have taken advanced criminal law classes. Despite being a second-year student with a full academic course load and other extracurricular activities, Juliana demonstrated a strong work ethic and made important contributions to my Clinic and our clients.

At the beginning of the year, I assigned Juliana to one of my federal compassionate release teams, where she worked on individual cases and systemic efforts to expand compassionate release. Juliana helped draft a compassionate release motion for an individual who was convicted in connection with the ATF's stash house reverse sting operation. Specifically, Juliana assisted with drafting the section of our motion that explained why the 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) sentencing factors strongly supported early release. Juliana's work had an impact: the judge granted our motion and ordered our client to be released ten years early from his 25-year mandatory minimum sentence.

Moreover, Juliana played an important role in my Clinic's advocacy efforts to enshrine an expansive Sentencing Commission compassionate release policy statement. In connection with its hearing on its proposed amendments, the Commission invited one of my former clients to testify about compassionate release. This was the first time in history that the Commission heard testimony from formerly incarcerated individuals. Juliana worked tirelessly with our client to prepare his written and oral testimony. Her guidance and support gave him the confidence he needed to share his story with the Commission, and he credits her with his success. Additionally, Juliana provided valuable assistance in preparing my own testimony by mooting me and offering constructive feedback. Following the Commission testimony, Juliana took on the task of preparing litigation primers for attorneys litigating compassionate release cases. Her work showcased her comprehensive and thoughtful approach to her work.

Outside of the Clinic, Juliana is actively engaged in the life of the Law School. As a 2L, she assumed leadership positions in multiple organizations, serving as Vice President of the Latinx Law Association and Vice President of the Intellectual Property Law Association. She is also a student member of the Admissions Committee and participated in the Ames Moot Court Competition, building on her previous experience in moot court during her undergraduate studies.

Juliana would be a strong addition to your chambers. If you would like to discuss Juliana's qualifications further, please do not hesitate to call me at (510) 332-1490.

Sincerely,

/s/ Erica Zunkel

Erica K. Zunkel  
Clinical Professor of Law  
Associate Director, Federal Criminal Justice Clinic

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